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School Committee middle school program review

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News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee received presentations during their most recent meeting from Wilmington Middle School Principal Dr. Jeanette Quirk and Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand on the principal entry plan and middle school program review recommendations.

Brand began by explaining how they are viewing Quirk's transition into the role of permanent principal as an opportunity to pause, listen, and learn more about the environment at the middle school.

Quirk shared that her efforts to learn included a series of surveys and meetings with stakeholders in focus groups. She also researched other districts and pedagogy. Her goals were to gain an understanding and knowledge of history and to identify priorities for moving forward.

From an 8th grade exit survey, which had 111 participants, she found the need for improvement of communication, school climate, and curriculum and instruction. The desires in terms of communication identified were for consistency and timeliness, and proposed next steps for this area were a communication plan, newsletters, meetings with staff, and a virtual kindness board.

For school climate, participants answered that they want to see a climate fostering fairness and traditions instead of friction and distrust. Parents identified bullying that appears to be going unpunished as one reason people have bad experiences at the middle school. Students shared that they want more leadership and extracurricular opportunities.

Proposed next steps in this area were creating traditions, an activity block in the schedule, and a year-long calendar of events. Lastly, for curriculum and instruction, they would start a quarterly newsletter for

families, make time in the schedule for interventions, and introduce cross-disciplinary projects.

The committee members first commented that they appreciated the presentation. Stephen Turner asked Quirk if teachers would be on board with these recommendations. She confirmed that they were for the most part.

Jesse Fennelly proposed that Quirk come back every so often for updates on where the school stood relative to these changes, which she said she would do.

Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson stressed the importance of making children feel seen.

"We need to be sure that every decision and new initiative is thoughtful about who is it including and who it is excluding," she said.

Another important piece she mentioned is bringing mental health conversations to students instead of expecting them to reach out asking for support.

David Ragsdale agreed that belonging and connection at school is important. Melissa Plowman said that they should create a supportive and positive outlook around these recommendations as they aim to make improvements.

She also said she liked the ideas of building tradition and consistency and asked for insight into the division of responsibility between the school's administrators.

Brand took over at this point, giving credit to the teachers at the middle school who've stayed through the lack of leadership and stability in over a decade. The middle school program review, as he detailed, came about through a review of stakeholder feedback, a list of findings, preliminary recommendations, WMS staff feedback, and finally a set of actionable recommendations to be taken.

The recommendations he shared covered three themes: culture and climate; curriculum, in-

struction, and assessment; and leadership and organization.

Under culture and climate, stakeholders' opinions reflected a desire for a culture of respect, personal development, and safety. The recommendations Brand shared in this area included extracurricular activities, a school counseling program, community partnerships, a student advisory program, and a culture and climate assessment.

For improving instruction and curriculum, they proposed a unified arts program review, student-led conferencing, and curriculum alignment. He said that they want to invite students to have more ownership in their learning and to reflect on their achievements.

In leadership and organization, the recommendations were to implement school success teams instead of team leads, effective middle-level best practices, and a new student-teacher schedule with six periods. This schedule change would expand learning time and reduce the number of transitions between classes.

Some of these changes would take place next year, and the rest within the following two years.

Plowman noted that there were a lot of working groups required from these recommendations, wondering if there would be enough interested middle school staff to fill them. Brand replied that he'd hope to see staff wanting to play a role in these areas.

Jay Samaha said he appreciated how these action items are systems that will be sustainable and adaptable over time. Turner also requested regular updates on these items.

Ragsdale asked if the program review looked at the "houses" or team structure and whether it was a good setup for students. Brand responded that they wouldn't be aiming to change the

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Wilmington Memorial Day observances

Young and old at the Wildwood Cemetery for the 2022 Memorial Day ceremony.
(Photo by Joe Brown)

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EPA conducts interviews to gauge residents' concerns with the Olin Chemical Superfund Site

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The US Environmental Protection Agency released an update on the Olin Chemical Superfund Site on May 20 detailing the next steps for their communication plan and the site itself. Updates from the EPA on this site are released on a quarterly basis.

In the statement, the EPA listed the result of the interviews they held earlier this spring to get a grasp of Wilmington's concerns about the superfund site. EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Charlotte Gray shared in an email that interviews took place with town officials, community groups, residents, and business owners.

"The feedback we received is already influencing

how we will be sharing this community update," the statement reads.

The EPA, through Gray, thanked these participants for providing thoughtful responses.

In a follow-up statement, Gray wrote that the main concerns shared by community members who attended their focus groups and interviews related to cleaning up the area fast and sustainably. Residents asked the EPA to make sure that redevelopment of the area wouldn't ruin the work of the remediation or create an even bigger problem.

Another theme that came out of their interviews is the community's desire for more information and more frequent communication from the EPA.

"In response, EPA has begun disseminating a quarterly newsletter to

the community using a variety of methods," Gray said.

She also said that the EPA would provide these newsletters as a public notice through the town website and various media outlets.

From the feedback gathered, the EPA is creating a Community Involvement Plan, or CIP, which will provide their strategy to involve the community moving forward. This will help to promote meaningful community involvement through the rest of the cleanup process. The CIP is expected to be drafted this summer and to allow for public review and comment.

Upcoming efforts at the 51 Eames St. Olin site involve the EPA overseeing subsurface investigation

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Wilmington man dies following head-on crash

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

BILLERICA — On Thursday, May 26 at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Billerica Police Department responded to a two car, head-on motor vehicle accident in the area of 570 Boston Road.

According to a statement released by the Billerica

Police department, both vehicles sustained heavy front end damage.

Billerica Fire Department and paramedics were also on the scene and provided medical aid to both drivers who suffered serious injuries before transporting them to Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington. Neither vehicle had any other passengers.

One of the vehicle operators, identified as Wilmington resident Charles Minghella, 24, was later pronounced deceased due to injuries sustained in the accident.

Minghella was a member of the Wilmington High School graduating Class of 2016, and known

as an accomplished local athlete who was captain of both the Wilmington High School football and lacrosse teams.

In recent years, Minghella worked as an apprentice for the Local 103 IBEW, and was about to begin a career as an electrician.

No word on the condition of the other driver in the accident has been released.

An ongoing investigation into the fatal accident is being conducted by the Billerica Police Department in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Police Crash Analysis and Reconstruction Section, and the Middlesex District Court.

School Committee not changing school start times

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — After a thorough discussion last Wednesday night during their meeting, the Wilmington School Committee voted not to change school start times across the district for the next school year. They received the results of a community survey around

the top three scenarios in their previous meeting, though none of the included scenarios received most of the favor.

The first scenario had been met with 40 percent favor, but there were major issues with it due to the West and Shawheen Street Schools start times potentially changing to 9:15 a.m.

Superintendent Dr.

Glenn Brand shared his opinion after naming his hesitations including athletics, afterschool activities, and the CARES program. While he did want to see changes to school start times, he said he wouldn't recommend them for next year.

"I think we have more work to do... we can dig

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Adult Programs

Town-Wide Yard Sale
on June 11

The annual Town-Wide Yard Sale is on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Be sure to be a part of the bargain hunting all around town! Shoppers — maps of yard sale locations will be available at wilmingtonlibrary.org, at the library, and at the Market Basket customer service desk starting Wednesday, June 8.

VIRTUAL

Climate Ready Boston
Monday, June 6, 2:30 p.m.
Zoe Davis, the Climate Resilience Project Manager for the City of Boston, will discuss how the city is preparing for climate change.

INDOOR

Drop-In Tech Help

Tuesday, June 7, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 8, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

INDOOR

How to: Decorate
Outdoor Spaces

Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m.
Jordan Pitzen, interior designer and owner of At Home With Jordan, will take us through budget-friendly style tips that will elevate your outdoor space, no matter the size or function.

INDOOR

Craft and Chat

Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m.
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! All craft supplies provided. Led by longtime crafter Rachelle Toth. Featured Craft: Confetti Coasters

OUTDOOR

Foraging Walk in
Hathaway Acres

Thursday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.
Join veteran environmental educator Andrew Prazar for a foraging walk in Wilmington's Hathaway Acres. The trailhead is located at the corner of Draper Drive and Evans Drive — please plan to meet there. Wear comfortable footwear and dress for the weather.

Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, June 11, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Discover what bargains await you at the annual Wilmington Town Wide Yard Sale. Maps of yard sale locations will be available at the library, at wilmingtonlibrary.org, and at the Market Basket customer service counter starting Wednesday, June 8.

Youth Programs

VIRTUAL

Among Us Teen
Game Night

Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m.
Join your crewmates in a multiplayer game of teamwork and betrayal over Zoom! Download the free Among Us app, and play in a private match hosted by the WML. Grades 6-12

VIRTUAL

Near & Far
Book Group

Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.
Kids & Grandparents! If you're missing your loved ones that live far away, join our book group and enjoy books together virtually! Each month, we'll read one book together as a group, have some fun discussions and then families

will have a chance to break off into groups and read a book or two together. Ages Preschool - 5th Grade & their Grandparents

INDOOR

Read to Thor

Thursday, June 9, 5-6:30 p.m.
Come read to Thor, a beautiful dog who loves to listen to kids read! Sign up for one 15 minute session per reader. This is Thor's last session with us before moving away! Don't miss it!

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from WCTV

Hello friends and Neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV launches new podcast: "Good Deeds" Everyone could use a little good news these days!

In keeping with this thought, WCTV has launched a new podcast called, "Good Deeds."

This podcast will feature Wilmington residents of all ages as well as those who live or work in Wilmington or provide services to our community and perform good deeds.

WCTV is accepting nominations and stories about good deeds from anyone in our community who has a story to share. No act of kindness is too large or too small to be considered for the podcast! For more information or to nominate yourself or someone else in our community please email Lisa Kapala at: lisa@wctv.org.

Meetings covered
by WCTV:

Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m. School Committee
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School Comm. hears update on
summer reading program

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington School Committee meeting last Wednesday night featured updates on the middle school, summer reading, the superintendent's report, and the high school handbook.

Wilmington Middle School representatives David Dynan and Isabella Zaya shared some events taking place as they wrap up eighth grade. These included the Great East Music Festival, a trip to Six Flags, a field trip to the North End, and a middle and high school chorus performance.

They shared excitement for new and old traditions to end middle school with a week of events including a backyard dance party and moving on ceremony. The committee thanked them for their time serving as representatives to the committee and presented them with certificates of recognition.

Another 8th grade student, Allison Hall, presented on Project 351, which held a donation campaign in the spring to collect clothing for the nonprofit organization Cradles to Crayons. They collected 81 bags of donations from Wilmington alone. She also mentioned the WMS Drama Club production of Beauty and the Beast which sold out.

David Ragsdale said that he was proud of both the middle and high school theater departments for excellent productions this spring.

Wilmington Eagle Scout Zachary Weinstein was invited to the meeting to talk about a donation he was making from his Eagle Scout project of 30 heavy-duty embroidered recess bags. He said that this would help to keep using recess bags the protocol in the future. The bags would carry equipment, hand sanitizer, and indoor recess games for classrooms at

the Woburn Street School.

M. J. Byrnes appreciated Physical Education teacher Laura Stinson who had initiated the recess bag program, and the committee accepted the donation.

After that, Wilmington High School English teacher Mia Parviainen gave an update on this summer's reading program. She reported that student reading programs are nearly universal, and that independent reading leads to more knowledge of words and language, more fluency as readers, and learning about people and the world.

After conducting a survey for students in grades 6-12, they'd seen families support reading that is encouraged but not required along with choices of books. For this year, they'd created a program that would gradually increase expectations by grade.

Students at the middle school would have books recommended but not required and optional challenges and note-taking guides, while high school students had required summer reading with different assignments or activity by class and course level.

Parviainen also talked about the 100 copies of a poetry book that she'd won in a contest and would be reading through to see where they would fit in the curriculum.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott shared that co-directors had been hired and started planning for five weeks of summer school with two sessions: 7:45 - 9:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. It would welcome students needing remediation or at risk of failure at the middle school, and credit recovery or remediation at the high school.

There was also a plan for an enrichment program this summer offering a summer book club, computer-aided design, introduction to robotics,

and creative writing for students entering grades 7-12.

In public comment, resident Jeffrey Cohen claimed that students are being taught inappropriate ideas about gender and race. He read off a poster campaign that he found at the high school and replaced the slogans with his own ideas.

"Instead of encouraging students to become activists, this should say, 'activism does not belong in a school setting,'" he suggested.

In response, another resident stood up to thank the committee for providing a space where students are getting inclusive and diverse education and coming into the 21st century.

The Superintendent's Report pertained to the superintendent evaluation, coordinator of nursing, Wildwood school, and a bullying & harassment program update.

He shared with the committee the components of the evaluation, which would be evidence according to the four standards determined by DESE and performance goals tied to district goals. The district goals for the superintendent were the WHS and WMS program reviews and the school start time project.

Brand announced that Rebecca Brown would be stepping in as the official permanent Director of Nursing Services after the unanticipated departure of Doreen Crowe, which led to Brown stepping in as the interim director.

He explained the reason for the decision that the Wildwood Street School not be occupied by students or staff next year.

"After discussion and consideration for some overarching concerns around that facility, it seems particularly that to move students and staff back for next year even with the building

ready doesn't seem prudent," he said.

Beginning a study to see how they could move the Wildwood students into other schools, they'd have options presented to the School Committee at the end of the summer. Chair Jenn Bryson said she was grateful for the ongoing MSBA process with the Wildwood.

Lastly, Brand discussed the district's intention to focus on and build out the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center program to full implementation for next year. This program would help educate students about bullying, cyberbullying, bias, diversity, and healthy peer relationships along with incorporating partnership between schools and the community.

WHS principal Linda Peters explained the updates to the WHS handbook. Some changes were more organizational — like rearranging the sections — and others related to recent program changes the committee had approved — like the changes to the grade point average (GPA) system.

There were some additional explanations added on the policy for withdrawing from a course and disciplinary block. One note for the future from Bryson was the desire for a handbook that could be engaging and legible for students and families; the handbook as presented is over 100 pages.

The committee members mentioned other recent events they'd attended at the high school and all of the talented students involved: the Great East Music Festival with WHS band, chorus, and strings; the Wilmington Art Show; and the National Honor Society induction.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for June 8 at 7 p.m.

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by Todd BrisboisWHAT EMPLOYERS
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Misclassifying workers as independent

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Olin beginning study on treatment options for DAPL

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in the east, west, and north of the property. This is intended to confirm the shape and the depth of the bedrock surface. With a better understanding of the bedrock surface, the efficiency of remediation within the aquifer can also be improved.

The EPA also included in their statement that Olin is beginning a nine- or 10-month study reviewing treatment op-

tions for the dense aqueous phase liquid, or DAPL, and the contaminated groundwater to be pumped out of the aquifer. Gray said that they're calling this the treatability study.

Finally, the statement explains that the EPA is still in the midst of negotiations with the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) for the site. Their overall goal is to reach a consent decree or agreement for either conducting or financing

cleanup actions listed in the EPA's record of decision, which was released in March of 2021. Once the negotiations are completed, Gray wrote that the EPA could share a more detailed timeline of the cleanup efforts.

The next quarterly community update should be released in August. Gray noted that this next newsletter in particular will have a draft of the CIP for residents to review and comment. She also said that she'd be

sending these updates to the town to have them on the Board of Health website along with the Wilmington Apple, the Advocate, and the Town Crier.

For future meetings, they'll continue to monitor COVID-19 levels for when it would be appropriate to meet in person. Gray invited anyone in the community with questions or suggestions to call 617-918-1243 or email her at gray.charlotte@epa.gov.

OBITUARIES

Carl Arthur Backman, Jr. Served in the Army during Korean War

Carl Arthur Backman, Jr., 89, of Cromwell, CT, beloved husband of Elinor (Donahue Lyons) Backman for 27 years, passed away on May 15, 2022.

Born in Somerville, he was the son of the late Carl and Hazel (Hinxman) Backman. Carl grew up in Wilmington, where he and his family started their lifelong love for skating & hockey.

Carl served in the United States Army during the Korean War earning the rank of Sergeant. After graduating from UMASS on the GI bill, Carl raised his family in Wilmington and was active in many organizations through the years including selectmen and the Redevelopment Authority.

His love for hockey continued with coaching and memberships to varying skating clubs, committees and teams. When he moved to Cromwell, Carl continued to play hockey at Champions up until he was 81 years old.

Along with his wife, Carl is survived by a son, Carl A. Backman, III of Haverhill; a daughter, Janet Backman of Wilmington, daughter-in-law, Donna Backman of North Andover, a sister, Janet (Backman) Waugh of Austin, TX; stepsons, Christopher Lyons of Wethersfield, Peter Lyons (Debbie) of East Aurora, NY; step daughter, Jeanne Delisle (David) of Cromwell and stepdaughter-in-law, Cynthia Lyons of Uxbridge; four loving grandchildren, Laurie Backman Hasham

(John), Caralyn Backman, Elysie Backman and Jessica Backman; two great-grandchildren, Marina and Ryan Hasham and many step grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Carl was predeceased by a son, Kevin P. Backman; two brothers, Knute and Leon Backman; a stepson, John J. Lyons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Sue-Ellen Lyons.

Carl will be remembered for his love of hockey, blacksmithing and family and will be missed.

Funeral services with full military honors were held on Saturday, May 21 in Connecticut. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

Laura G. (Russell) Butt Drove busses for Mystic Valley Services

Laura G. (Russell) Butt, fondly known as "Gwen" to her family and friends, age 91, a long-time resident of Wilmington, formerly of Malden, passed away on May 28, 2022, at the Winchester Hospital.

Gwen was born on Dec. 12, 1930, in Chelsea; she was the cherished daughter of the late Benjamin and Annie (Baggs) Russell. Gwen was raised and educated in Everett and a graduate of Everett High School with the Class of 1948.

Gwen married and lived in Malden for many years where she raised her wonderful family. Gwen was a very devoted and loving mother and grandma; she was very involved in all their activities and always there to cheer them on.

Gwen's home was filled with love; she had an "open door policy" and invited family and friends with open arms. Gwen loved her family unconditionally and was so proud of each and every one of them.

Gwen was a hard worker throughout her life; for many years she drove school busses for the Mystic Valley Services in Medford; Gwen enjoyed her job, loved the students as well as her co-workers, especially Linda Cummings who became her life-long friend.

Gwen went on to take a position as the Dining Room Assistant at the Davenport Retirement Home in Malden, where she met another wonderful life-long friend Mary Hightower.

Gwen's endearing personality, kindness towards others and great work ethic made her a favorite employee. Gwen enjoyed socializing with the guests; she treated them as family and made their days a little brighter.

Gwen was a woman of strong faith throughout her

life; for many years she was a member of the Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Malden. When she moved to Wilmington over 25 years ago, Gwen, became an active member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church and was very involved in the Miriam Esther Circle.

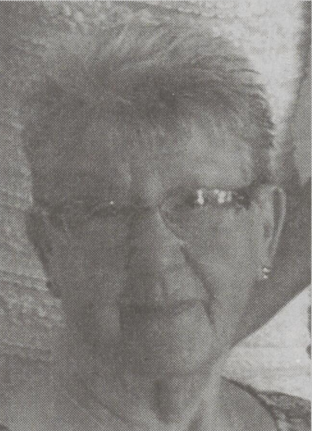
Gwen loved her fellow parishioners; they were like extended family and she eagerly participated with them in church suppers, fundraisers, and weekly worships.

In her spare time, Gwen looked forward to traveling with her husband Ray; she enjoyed meeting new people and experiencing new places. Gwen and Ray also enjoyed their trips to Florida where they also had a great group of friends.

Gwen will be fondly remembered as a wonderful lady; she loved to socialize with people and was truly interested in what was going on in their lives or how she could help others. Gwen was open-minded to the ever changing world and she would keep up with the times, new gadgets, and of course her texting on the cell phone. Gwen had a great laugh, a kind spirit and a beautiful soul; she will forever be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gwen was the beloved wife of the late Raymond Butt, devoted mother of Ruth Ann Wiitala and her husband Carl of Billerica, the late William MacGregor and his wife Janet of Parker, AZ, Mark MacGregor and his wife Diane of Palmer, Karen Jones and her late husband Walter of Wilmington, Cheryl D'Auost and her husband Mark of Exeter, NH and Charles MacGregor and his wife Diana of Wilmington.

Loving "Grammy" of Er-



ic, Kristen, Evan, Keith, Alexis, Jessica, Benjamin, Lindsey, Lauren, C.J., David, Michael and her great-grandchildren Dylan, Darrel, Mackenzie, Alex, Cassidy, Gracie, Jameson, and she was anxiously awaiting the birth of her new great-grandchild due this August.

Gwen was the dear sister of Wallace Russell of Methuen, the late Frank Russell and his wife Ann of Derry, NH, and the late Phyllis Britt. Gwen was best of friends with Linda Cummings and the late Mary Hightower; she is further survived by many special nieces, nephews and their families.

Family and friends are welcome to gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, June 3 from 9 - 10:15 a.m. followed by a Service to celebrate Gwen's Life at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gwen's memory may be made to the Mission of Deeds, 6 Chapin Ave., Reading, MA 01867.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Dorothy May 'Dottie' (Weatherbee) Irwin Proud member of Loon Preservation Society

Dorothy May "Dottie" (Weatherbee) Irwin, age 93, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on May 29, 2022.

Dottie was born in Cambridge on April 27, 1929; she was the cherished daughter of the late Basil and Emily (Clarke) Weatherbee.

Dottie lived in Cambridge as a young girl before moving with her family to their home on West Street in Wilmington. Dottie attended Wilmington schools and was quite an athlete; she was a graduate of Wilmington High School Class of 1946 where she was a basketball standout and known as "Dead eye Dot."

Dot married "her sweetheart" William Irwin on April 16, 1949, at the Congregational Church in Wilmington. Dottie and Bill settled in the Glendale Circle neighborhood in Wilmington which proved to be a great place to raise their family, the neighbors watched out for each other and they were all great friends.

Dottie was a very devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; she was always there to give guidance, support and unconditional love to her family. Dottie was always upbeat and fun; she was the "cool mom and nana" to her family and their friends. Dottie enjoyed having her family and friends together for any occasion; all were welcome in her home.

Prior to retiring, Dottie worked as an administrative assistant at the AVCO/Textron Company in Wilmington for many years. Dottie had a great work ethic and a vast knowledge of her job; she was outgoing and made some great friends with her co-

workers throughout the years.

Throughout her life, Dottie remained very active; she looked forward to playing golf, tennis and heading out to lunch with "her gals." Dottie loved to travel but her "happy place" was at Lake Winnepesaukee surrounded by her family and a nice Char-donnay.

Dottie was proud to be a member of the Loon Preservation Society in Moultonboro, NH and volunteered to help in any way she could.

Dottie will be fondly remembered as a terrific lady; she was kind, friendly, outgoing, upbeat and fun. Dottie had an endearing personality, a great sense of humor and a warm smile that could light a room. Dottie made an impact on everyone she met throughout her life and she will forever remain in the hearts of those she loved.

Dottie was the beloved wife of the late William Irwin, loving mother to Gary Irwin and wife Mary of Lodi CA, William Irwin and wife Jay of Wilmington, David Irwin and wife Patti of Essex, Gail Holloway and husband Jack of Wilmington, Sally Peabody and husband Stephen of Andover, Barbara Casey and husband Mark of Palermo, ME and Robert Irwin and wife Laurie of Billerica.

Devoted nana of Gary Irwin, Jr. and wife Carolina, Chelsea Irwin, Brittany Irwin, Keith Irwin and wife Jennifer, Craig Irwin and wife Whitney, Laura Irwin, Thomas Irwin and wife Kimberly, Hayley Irwin, Janel Smith and husband Mort, Jacqui Bento and husband Dan, William Holloway, Katie Holloway, Dennis Torpey and wife Michelle, Dan Torpey



and wife Shawna, Kelly Silva and husband David, Allison Ponunski and husband Alex, Erin Lemnios and husband Jon, Marissa Irwin, Emily Irwin, Matthew Irwin and great-grandchildren Matthew, Sara, William, Gavin, Luke, Juniper, Henry, Braden, Nadia, Leo, Will, Hunter, Brooklyn, Aidan, Isla, Roan, Everly, Anna, Nora, Andrew, and Madison.

Dear sister of the late William Weatherbee, the late Louise Smith, the late Don Weatherbee, Beatrice Randall of New Hampshire, and Robert Weatherbee of Florida.

Dottie is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends gathered for a Funeral Service at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington, MA, on Tuesday, June 7 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Dorothy's memory to the Loon Preservation Committee, P. O. Box 604, Moultonborough, NH 03254.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Partlow of Rubenstein Partners receives Certified Property Manager designation

TEWKSBURY — Kristy Partlow, a senior property manager with Rubenstein Partners (www.rubensteinpartners.com) will be installed as a Certified Property Manager® (CPM) of the Institute of Real Estate Management® (IREM) during the Boston Metropolitan Chapter No. 4 Governmental Legislative Meeting and New Members Installation, which was held virtually on April 13.

Partlow joined Rubenstein Partners in 2018 and is responsible for the property management and operations at The Center at Innovation Drive in Tewksbury.

The CPM is one of the highest professional designations that a real estate manager can earn and is recognized worldwide as the premier property management certification.

"It's a pleasure to announce Kristy's achievement," said Melissa Fish-Crane, 2022 president of IREM Boston Metropolitan Chapter No. 4 and principal and COO of the Peabody Companies. "Receiving the CPM certification is not an easy journey; it requires time spent on learning, building knowledge, and then practicing these skills by gaining real world experience in the field. Congratulations are in order."

About the Institute for Real Estate Management®, Boston Metropolitan Chapter No. 4

IREM is an international institute for property and asset managers (headquartered in Chicago) providing complete knowledge to take on real estate management's most dynamic challenges. For more than 85 years, IREM has been the world's strongest voice for all things real estate management; today membership encompasses close to 20,000 leaders in commercial and residential management.

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▲ KRISTY PARTLOW

(Courtesy photo)

independently incorporated, organized groups working in partnership with IREM headquarters to advance the institute's strategic initiatives and grow the real estate management profession. They offer local connection, continuous learning through IREM courses, networking via business or social events, and volunteer opportunities through chapter leadership and community outreach.

The Boston Metropolitan Chapter No. 4 was founded on May 4, 1938. The growth of the chapter has paralleled the expansion of the real estate industry and the property management profession in its region of influences and is now the largest chapter of

the organization. Melissa Fish-Crane serves as the chapter's 2022 president. Offices are located at 202 Parke Avenue, Quincy, MA 02171.

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Moulton introduces the Conserving Lobstering and Whales (CLAW) Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Seth Moulton announced the Conserving Lobstering and Whales (CLAW) Act of 2022, which would help sustain lobster fisheries by providing tax credits to lobstermen to offset the financial costs of newly-required adaptive fishing gear.

Due to climate change, warmer waters are forcing North Atlantic Right Whales into different migration patterns. Entanglement of the critically-endangered whales in lobstering lines is becoming an increasingly serious problem, especially off the North Shore of Massachusetts.

As a result, lobstermen must now adhere to a number of measures to help preserve Right Whale populations. New regulations include: reduction of the number of rope lines that link buoys to lobster traps, use of weaker ropes so whales can more easily

break free if they do become entangled, and expansion of the areas of the ocean where fishing with trap rope is prohibited or limited.

"Lobstermen are in a tough spot right now. Climate change is affecting where lobsters are moving and new regulations mean they also must spend money on adaptive gear that is less harmful to marine mammals like Right Whales," Congressman Moulton said. "Protecting an endangered species and maintaining local jobs do not have to be mutually exclusive. A sustainable blue economy can do both. The CLAW Act would be a win-win for lobstermen and Right Whales."

The CLAW Act would: Establish a 30 percent refundable tax credit for commercial lobstermen for the purchase of "adaptive gear"

Mitigate costs of adaptive gear. Tax credit may

be applied to both the weak rope and line inserts lobstermen must use now as well as the vessel tracking systems they will be required to use next year.

Ensure tax credit evolves with policy. Should NOAA update the take reduction plan and require other adaptive gear, it would also be covered by the tax credit.

Reps. Lori Trahan and Bill Keating are co-sponsors of the CLAW Act.

Earlier this year, Congressman Moulton introduced the Right Whale Coexistence Act of 2022, which would establish a new grant program to fund collaborative research projects between government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and maritime industries to develop innovative technologies to reduce human impacts on North Atlantic Right Whales.

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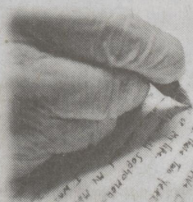


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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Only town officials allowed on site visit for potential housing development at Nichols Street property

To the editor,
At the Board of Selectmen's meeting on May 23, proponents of a 20-unit affordable housing development at 79 Nichols St. provided an outline of this planned development. The proponent has taken the first step by submitting an application to the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) seeking a determination that their project is eligible to be presented to the Wilmington Zoning Board of Appeals (BOA).

Notice from MHFA to Selectmen Chair Judy O'Connell was received on May 17, 2022. The fact that MHFA advised the town that it has an opportunity to submit a comment letter to them about this project prompted a request that the proponents present their project at the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

The Board of Selectmen does not have any statutory authority to approve or deny this project. That responsibility rests solely with the BOA. The purpose for scheduling this presentation was to be transparent and inform the public and the entire Board of Selectmen about this potential project so that comments to MHFA can be prepared.

During the presentation, reference was made to the MHFA correspondence which invited town officials to participate in a site visit with representatives from MHFA. The suggestion was also made that residents and the general public could participate in the site visit.

The property at 79 Nichols St. is private property and as with any private property is not accessible to the public without the consent of the owner. The

attached communication was received in my office today from legal counsel representing the property owner. The letter conveys that in light of concerns about liability, the property owner is only able to permit town officials and representatives from MHFA on the May 31, 2022 site visit.

There is keen interest in this proposed project and if the project is deemed eligible by MHFA to be filed with the BOA then the BOA will be required to conduct a public hearing to receive a presentation from the proponent. The public hearing will enable Board of Appeals members to ask questions and offer comments and it will provide an opportunity for residents to offer comments and pose questions.

Notice of this hearing must be provided to the town clerk at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (excluding weekends and holidays), will be posted on the town's website and will be posted on a bulletin board in the Town Hall lobby.

Additionally, there are statutory requirements for the proponent to notify property owners within a specified proximity to the proposed development.

There will be ample opportunity for residents to learn about this proposal and express opinions. Residents may also email manager@wilmingtonma.gov regarding this development. Residents are asked to respect the desires of the property owner that only town officials and MHFA representatives be permitted on the property for the site visit.

Thank you.

Jeff Hull
Town Manager

Man indicted for stealing microchip from Wilmington company

BOSTON — After possessing a stolen trade secret — a microchip taken from a Wilmington company he worked for that he used to manufacture a "knock off" version for his own firm — a grand jury indicted Haoyang Yu, 43, according to US Attorney Rachael Rollins' office. He faces up to 10 years in prison, three years of suspended release and a \$250,000 fine.

Yu was actually charged with 19 crimes, but only found guilty of one. A grand jury acquitted him on charges ranging from wire fraud and immigration fraud to export violations and 11 other counts of possessing stolen trade secrets.

His attorney's, William Fick and Daniel Marx, sought to have all the charges dropped, claiming Yu was the target of "unlawful profiling and targeting... based on his Chinese ethnicity."

They said a ruling on that motion is pending. Yu is scheduled for sentencing on Sept. 15.

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History:

Scandal, suicide after ship stuck in Swedish port

By LARZ F. NEILSON

After three-quarters of a century of reluctance, Sweden and Finland are joining NATO, a world-changing event.

Why is that of interest to readers of the *Town Crier*? Capt. Larz Neilson, who later founded the *Town Crier*, was involved in an episode in Sweden that resulted partly from Sweden's position on NATO in the late 1940s.

Larz, a captain in the merchant marine, was sent to Gothenburg, Sweden to retrieve a U.S. Liberty Ship that was stranded in port. He interrogated the ship's officers and wrote a report for the company.

Flown to Stockholm, Sweden, he connected with his sister, Sylvia, who was studying at the University of Stockholm. She transcribed all the interviews. Those papers have been preserved and provide the basis for this story.

The SS John Milledge was owned by the U.S. Maritime Shipping Administration and operated by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. Larz had worked for American-Hawaiian for 17 years and had served as captain of Liberty and Victory ships during and after the war.

Much as today, the great concern among the western countries was the strength of Russia, the USSR. It had sided with the Allies during WWII, fighting against the Axis powers, Germany, Italy and Japan.

As WWII drew to a close, however, the USSR began moving to dominate several countries in eastern Europe, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and others found themselves under Russian control.

Russia had attempted to take over Finland prior to the war. However, finding itself fighting the fierce Finns, Russia settled for taking a small area in southern Finland.

Sweden had remained neutral and unscathed in both world wars in the 20th century, while many other countries in Europe had been demolished. Sweden will celebrate its 500th anniversary next year.

So after WWII, both Finland and Sweden just wanted to remain independent.

Reporter James H. Powers wrote that American policy directors had precipitated a major diplomatic and strategic crisis in Scandinavia. Sweden was acutely conscious of its exposed position, facing the Baltic Sea. Its southern point formed a narrow passage with Denmark, potentially blocking access to the North Atlantic.

One particular point of contention was that the Swedes had been selling oil to the USSR and the U.S. wanted them to stop.

On Oct. 16, 1947, the U.S. Liberty Ship SS John Milledge tied up in port in Gothenburg, Sweden, the major port on Sweden's western coastline. The ship needed oil but the Swedes, responding to American pressure, wouldn't sell any.

This stalemate went on for over three weeks. Before long, the crew began doing what sailors in port often do. Some of the sailors were bringing women and liquor on board. The captain, Andrew D. Ogilvie, was seen with a lady friend, and he would consume liquor.

At times, he was seen in an apparently drunken state. The Chief Engineer Glenn Stewart reported this to New York, and the captain on Nov. 8 was summoned to the office of a shipping agent. Ogilvie took this report as a betrayal, fearing that his career was ruined. He said that he would shoot himself.

Capt. Ogilvie, very depressed, woke John Matthews, the ship's purser at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9.

"Johnny, my life is ruined. My career is finished," he said.

Matthews tried to console him that things weren't as bad as they seemed and he could get another job with the company, or if not, some other company.

"You cannot fool me," the captain said, "but I know a way to clean up this whole mess. I'll do what Gaidick did."

Capt. Joseph Gaidick had hanged himself a month earlier.

Matthews knew that Ogilvie had guns in a filing cabinet in his office. When he went to Ogilvie's room, there was a loaded pistol on the dresser. He took the pistol and put it into the half-open drawer of the filing cabinet and attempted to push the lock. But it did not click.

Ogilvie entered and said he had only been putting on an act. Matthews suggested they go down for coffee, hoping that he could get the mate to

remove the guns. As they moved to the stairs, Ogilvie turned, saying he had already had coffee. He returned to his quarters at 5:10 a.m.

The purser went to the chief mate, Calvin Berryman, and told him he was afraid the captain would kill himself. The mate replied that when a man talks of suicide, he seldom does it and to intrude might cause it.

Leaving the chief mate, the purser met with the radio operator. They both heard a noise which they thought might be steam pipes cracking but wondered if it might have been a pistol shot. They decided it was not loud enough. They went back to bed.

The purser went to awaken the captain at 8:20, but there was no response. He went to the chief mate and asked him to unlock the door. The radio operator was wondering if the noise they had heard was as they suspected. When they entered the captain's room, they immediately saw that Capt. Ogilvie was dead. His hands were white and in one hand was a pistol.

After authorities were notified, the suicide was reported to the company. Capt. Larz Neilson was sent to Sweden to investigate, interrogate those involved, and then return the ship to the U.S.

He obtained the police report and interviewed the ship's officers. While most claimed to have had little knowledge of the activities on board, Stewart, the chief engineer, provided great detail. He said the day they arrived, he had seen the captain at supertime, and he seemed to be under the influence. The next morning, he seemed to have a hangover. He had seen a woman, Mrs. Rea Nilsson, with the purser, and later with the captain.

The second day in port, the captain went ashore and later returned with a male companion who slept on board for three or four days, until the third mate ordered him off. This man, Stewart testified, had been acting as a procurer for officers. Three or four women came aboard on the third night in port. Stewart said he did not know if they had slept with any officers, but they were still on board at 8 a.m.

"During the next few days, various officers, including the second mate, third mate, purser and steward would sleep all day, go ashore for the

evening, and return late with women. There was frequently a lot of noise from about midnight to about 2 or 3 a.m., wooden shoes clacking up and down the alleyways, laughing, hollering, slamming of doors, etc. Finally, I had enough and began slamming doors myself. Capt. Ogilvie woke up at this point, came down one deck and ordered all the women off the ship. This was on the sixth or seventh day in port."

Stewart's testimony went on to describe the following nights, with another woman on board, sometimes in the steward's room, later with the captain. She was aboard for several days.

"After that, the unlicensed members of the crew started bringing women on board... From then on, as far as the crew was concerned, it was come and go as they pleased, with women."

Stewart then described the purchase of liquor, with many of the officers buying quantities. There were several cases of liquor ordered, including some bought by someone who forged the captain's signature, on a day when the captain was not on board.

Meanwhile, the captain had done nothing about ship's business, Stewart said.

Larz also interviewed Mrs. Rea Nilsson, who had spent several days with the captain. He had spoken with her by phone, and her remarks were inconsistent with the police report. He then, accompanied by his sister, took Mrs. Nilsson to lunch to further question her.

Leaving Gothenburg on Nov. 14, Larz wrote letters of censure to five of the officers of the John Milledge.

At Bergen, Norway they were able to purchase oil. They took on two pilots and sailed north along the coast of Norway to Narvik, north of the Arctic Circle. Sylvia went ashore and took a train back to Stockholm. The ship was then loaded with iron ore.

Larz took the John Milledge to New York. It would be his last voyage. With the war over, the demand for shipping was greatly reduced and most of the Liberty Ships were "mothballed."

NATO was formally organized in 1949 without Sweden or Finland, which have fiercely guarded their independence.

Book Stew Review

'Finding Me' by Viola Davis

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Conceivably one of the most painful recitations of brutal poverty I've ever read (like Dickens, with racism), Viola Davis manages to rise above her Central Falls, RI origins to the heights of acting awards and triumph over the most inconceivable obstacles.

She is not shy about revealing the life-long damage from the abuse she's suffered as she shares the intense efforts that she and her four sisters were able to muster, with minimal support from parents, school, or community. The most tender part has

her watching Cicely Tyson in "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman" on TV and deciding to follow in her path.

In fact, in an accompanying photo of her with Tyson, Davis says, "I secretly used every opportunity to hold and kiss her."

Davis uses her bully pulpit to focus on colorism and on how more difficult is the path of Black women with darker skin, who "didn't have smaller, classical (read whiter) features. That wasn't me."

Quote: "I didn't understand the living in New York City. I just thought all the apartments looked like George Jefferson's apartment."

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◀ Wilmington Eagle Scout Kevan Stevens (right) with assistance from Sal DiFranco (left) unveil the new stone dedicated to Wilmington's Leslie Wicks who was killed while serving on a PT Boat in the Pacific theatre in WWII. Members of Wicks' family and local vets place a wreath at the site. (Photo by Joe Brown)



◀ Wilmington Eagle Scout Brendan Fitzpatrick unveils the new memorial stone dedicated to those who are or have been affected by Agent Orange. With him are Vietnam veterans from Wilmington. (Photo by Joe Brown)

Wilmington Minutemen place a wreath on the grave of original Wilmington Minutemen Captain Cadwallader Ford at Wildwood Cemetery before marching in Wilmington's Memorial Day parade. Wilmington Minutemen are looking for a few new members — please call Captain Frank West at 978-658-1754 or email westrewilm@aol.com with questions. (Courtesy photo)



The flags of all the services are officially raised on the new flagpole on the Wilmington Town Common as part of the Memorial Day weekend ceremonies. Wilmington Eagle Scout Aaron Dancewicz was the leader of this project. (Photo by Joe Brown)

► Scout Nate Gagnon from Scout BSA Troop 136 places a flag on the grave of Korean War veteran William Theriault at Wildwood Cemetery this past Saturday. Cub Scout Pack 136 and Troop 136 (chartered by American Legion Post 136) are looking for a few new scouts who want to be a part of something special — please call Frank West 978-658-1754 or email troop136wilm@aol.com. (Courtesy photo)



▲ The Hall Family — Emily, Allison, and Julie — perform a rousing rendition of the National Anthem at the dedication of the new flagpoles on Wilmington Common as part of the weekend's activities. (Photo by Joe Brown)



Lifestyle

► Specialty milkshakes are all the rage and feature over the top embellishments like candy, cookies and whipped cream to turn an ordinary milkshake into an extraordinary ice cream experience. (Heather Burns photo)

Grab a milkshake and relive past memories

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

When most of us look back on life, we realize it is the simple pleasures that make life worth living.

Not the busy career, expensive cars or fancy vacations, but the everyday moments of our youth like tossing a ball, a hand-held walk on a first date, or sharing a milkshake with friends after school.

Unfortunately, travelling back in time is not possible, but don't you relive those moments just a little bit every time you enjoy a cool, frosty milkshake?

The iconic milkshake was known as a staple in teenage America's diet during the 1930s to the 1970s. But to find the origin of this fantastic, frozen treat, we must go back to the year 1922.

For those who don't remember, the ice cream soda fountain was a prominent fixture in drug stores throughout the U.S. until the early 1970's. These soda fountains were manned by an employee of the drug store known as a Soda Jerk, and were often the social center of the community, especially in small towns across the United States.

Before the invention of the milkshake, one of the most popular offerings at a local soda fountain was a drink called a Malt, or Malted Milk, which was a mixture of milk, malt powder and flavored syrup.

Malt was invented by pharmacist James Horlick in the late 1800's. Made from malted barley, wheat flour and evaporated whole milk, it was originally used as a nutritional supplement for young children, but the flavor

was surprisingly appealing, and it caught on as a delicious beverage for young and old alike.

In 1922, a Walgreen's Drug Store's soda jerk, Ivan "Pop" Coulson was constantly trying to improve on the company's popular chocolate malt beverage.

One day while experimenting at the soda fountain, Coulson decided to add ice cream to the original chocolate malt recipe. The ice cream created a thicker, frosty consistency that was more filling and satisfying than the original, and was an immediate hit with customers.

Eventually Walgreen's added this original recipe into their soda fountain beverage rotation:

1 ½ ounce of chocolate syrup
3 #16 dips of Vanilla ice cream
5 ½ ounces of cold milk
1 tablespoon Malt powder

Put ingredients into a frosted malt can and place on a mixer until just mixed, do not over mix.

Pour into #1808 10 ounce glass, filling about ¾ full. Top with a generous portion of whipped cream.

Serve with remaining beverage in a malt shaker can along with a straw and a package of fountain treat cookies.

As popular as this recipe was, the milkshake stayed relatively unknown until the following decade.

The automation of milkshakes developed in the 1930's with the invention of freon-cooled refrigerators. This made it easier for the widespread sale of ice cream throughout the country, which was needed to build sales of the new milkshake beverage industry.

Soon malt shops, specializing in soda fountain treats, began to

open throughout the country, but at first, the name milkshake was not used to describe these frozen drinks.

The first versions of the malted milkshake were referred to as a "frosted" malt, but as tastes changed, many customers started to request the beverage without the malt. This malt-free version required its own name and branding.

As the term frosted malt no longer applied to all frosted beverages, different regions of the country started to use their own terminology.

Here in New England, many still refer to the magical, malt-less treat as a frappe, but it also had such names as a velvet, frosted, or even the term cabinet (referring to the freezer cabinet where the ice cream was stored).

The term "milkshake" was originally used in the late 1800's but referred to a more adult drink made with whiskey that resembled a spiked eggnog rather than the family-friendly version made popular in diners and soda fountains across the U.S.

Because of the shaking motion of the mixers used to make frosted drinks, eventually "milkshake," or just the name "shake," became the industry standard.

Although the days of malt shops and soda jerks are a thing of the past, there has been a new revitalization in the milkshake industry, making the frozen frappe more popular than ever.

Many restaurants and ice cream parlors are now featuring specialty milkshakes. These are nothing like your grandma's malted milkshake.

Specialty shakes come in outrageous flavors like Hot Cocoa and

Smoes, Apple Pie Ala mode, and Donut Shop Coffee.

Many of these over the top shakes are served with over the top embellishments, like candy, donuts, and toasted marshmallows, and despite being marketed as a drink to accompany a burger or sandwich, they are often as filling as a meal themselves.

There are many restaurants and ice cream parlors now featuring these specialty milkshakes, but there are several local places worth mentioning.

Boston Burger has several area locations, and has built their menu around specialty burgers and specialty shakes. The physical locations are rather small, but there is plenty of room for a big appetite, as the portions and flavors will not disappoint.

Milkshake Lovers, located in the Burlington Mall, features all kinds of frozen beverages, but has a vast selection of specialty flavored milkshakes. Peanut Butter Bomb, Banana Caramel and Nutella Heaven are just a few of the specialty flavors available. There are so many flavors to try, you will surely have to plan several trips to sample them all.

If you're looking for that old school experience, Dows Soda Fountain, located on 250 Jackson St. at Mill #5 in Lowell, has every-



thing your grandparents enjoyed in their ice cream eating youth. They offer all the old fashioned soda fountain favorites like ice cream floats, Lime Rickey's and of course sundaes and milkshakes.

Life seems to get more and more complicated each day, leaving many of us longing for the simple pleasures of our youth, like enjoying a frosty milkshake at the corner malt shop with friends.

As luck would have it, June 20 is National Vanilla Milkshake Day. This makes for the perfect excuse to have a diet cheat day, and enjoy the sweet, simple pleasure of an old fashioned (or newfangled specialty) milkshake and reconnect with family and friends just like in the old days.



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PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination
of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **June 8, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.** at **Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a RDA application filed by Kirk Zervas for work related to connecting a single family dwelling to the municipal sewer system. The proposed work is located within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **170 Maple Street, Assessor Map 88 Lot 28.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner
220681 6/1/22

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Anthony Fiore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Firsttrust Bank, said mortgage dated March 8, 2017, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 30969 at Page 142 and now held by Firsttrust Bank by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Firsttrust Bank dated January 24, 2018 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 31821, Page 228 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on June 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with the buildings thereon, in the westerly part of Wilmington, off Hopkins Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southerly corner of the granted premises thence

SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Matilda F. Johnson, 200 feet to a stone wall; thence

NORTHWESTERLY by the wall and land formerly of Charles Hopkins, 217 feet to a stake; thence

NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of William A. Cameron, 260 feet to a stake; thence

SOUTHEASTERLY still by land now or formerly of William A.

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **June 8, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.** at **Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for an RDA application filed by Kevin Price for placement of 22' x 16' gravel pad & 20' x 14' in backyard. The proposed work is within buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **30 Bride Path, Assessors Map 40 Lot 83.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner
220716 6/1/22

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals (RFP) will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, Massachusetts, until Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 11AM. To establish a contract for advanced life support (ALS) ambulance service in the Town of Wilmington. The ALS service will supplement the Town's Basic Life Support (BLS) and transport service for pre-hospital emergency care provided by Wilmington Fire Department (WFD).

Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>. Proposals may not be submitted via email.

The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services, delays related to processing of mail requests for specs and plans etc. or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered.

Questions concerning this Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing and emailed to wcavanaugh@wilmingtonma.gov

Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager
220740 6/1/22

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P2699EA

Estate of: Timothy Kevin Gain
Also known as:
Timothy K. Gain
Date of Death: 11/05/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jacqueline Bolduc of Worcester MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Jacqueline Bolduc of Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in

purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on June 30, 2022 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon shown as Lot 218 on a subdivision plan entitled, "Subdivision Plan of Shawsheen Estates, Wilmington, Massachusetts", Scale: 1" = 40' dated June 24, 1996 Engineers: Dana F. Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Tewksbury and Reading, Mass., prepared for Shawsheen River Assoc., 100 Mink Run Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts, recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 191, Plan 113.

Subject to and with the benefit of the right to use the streets and ways as shown on said plan for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Wilmington in Common with others entitled thereto.

Subject to the reservation of an easement of access right in the granted premises for the benefit of Lot 219 to allow for the repair, maintenance or replacement of all conduits, chutes, ducts, plumbing, wiring, flues or other facilities for the furnishing of utility services to Lot 219 and contained in the granted premises.

Subject to and with the benefit of an easement of access upon Lot 219 to allow for the repair, maintenance or replacement of all conduits, chutes, ducts, plumbing, wiring, flues or other facilities for the furnishing of utility services to the granted premises and contained in Lot 219.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Health will hold a public hearing on June 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall 1009 Main Street, First Floor Main Hall Meeting Room Tewksbury, MA requested by Joshua Winter/Dave Winter, 2 Claire St., Tewksbury, MA for an animal permit as found in section 5.3 of the Minimum Standards for the Keeping of Animals. The hearing will also be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99.

At that time, all interested parties will be heard. Copies of the application are available at the Tewksbury Board of Health Office located at the Tewksbury Town Hall.

Legal notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org
Raymond Barry, BOH Chairman
220717 6/1/22

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

**Case 7-22
Michael Rotondi
Map 90, Parcel 100
4 Dorothy Avenue**

– to acquire a Special Permit for the Ground Water Protection District Section 6.6.7.7

220691 5/25, 6/1/22

unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/19/2022.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 24, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
220727 6/1/22

Subject to a Declaration of Protective Covenants recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 5550, page 41.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated January 9, 2009 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22646, Page 72.

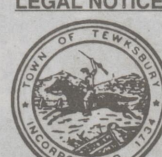
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust VII-A
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701
220749 6/18/15/22

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 13, 2022 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Tree House Brewing Company on behalf of Tewksbury Country Club LLC** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Christopher's Towing 76 Riverneck Road, Chelmsford, MA, and 91 Maple Street Unit 11, Lowell, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after June 9, 2022 beginning at 10:00 am by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Christopher's Towing and may be viewed by appointment only.

- 2015 Audi A6
VIN WAUGFAFC5FN010133
- 2010 Chevrolet Aveo
VIN KL1TD5DE9AB093859
- 2011 Subaru Legacy
VIN 4S3BMAG60B1214299
- 2007 Mazda CX7
VIN JM3ER293270109422
- 2002 Volvo S60
VIN YV1RS61R022195083
- 2003 Chrysler Voyager
VIN 1C4GJ453X3B159686
- 2012 Hyundai Sonata
VIN 5NPEB4AC0CH470956
- 2012 Ford Fusion
VIN 3FAHP0J4ACR336539
- 2008 Saturn Astra
VIN W08AR671985056621
- 2001 Audi A8
VIN WAUML54D31N013166
- 2004 Honda Civic
VIN 2HGES257X4H562492

of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install a walk-in cooler connected to the existing structure as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **85 Livingston Street**, Assessor's Map 85, Lot 45-UB01, zoned Mixed Use Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
220714 5/25, 6/1/22

- 1999 Honda Odyssey
VIN 2HKRL1861XH534280
- 2006 Subaru Legacy
VIN 454BP61C067327154
- 2005 BMW 325Xi
VIN WBAEU33475PR17796
- 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan
VIN 2D8GP44L9S206048
- 2008 Mercury Milan
VIN 3MEHM08Z38R623780
- 2004 Nissan Altima
VIN 1N4AL11E94C115377
- 2009 Toyota Matrix
VIN 2T1GE40E79C005623
- 2006 Ford Escape
VIN 1FMYU93186KA50394
- 2003 Buick century
VIN 2G4WS52J23116361
- 2009 Toyota Prius
VIN JTDKB20U793476954
- 2012 Acura TL
VIN 19UUA8F28CA029171
- 2006 Honda Accord
VIN 1HGCMS6316A175474
- 2002 Audi A4
VIN WAULC68E02A310215
- 2000 Toyota Corolla
VIN 2T1BR12E3YC276686
- 2010 Nissan Altima
VIN 1N4AL2AP8AN550494
- 2005 Acura TSX
VIN JH4CL96915C019546
- 2005 Honda Pilot
VIN 5FN9YF18525B010531
- 1997 Chevrolet C3500 Fleets
VIN 1GBJC34R3VF057369

Signed
Christopher Ferreira
Owner
5/25, 6/1, 6/8
220709 5/25, 6/1, 8/22

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P2094EA

Estate of: Robert L. Lee
Also known as:
Robert Leslie Lee
Date of Death: 03/26/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Alberta F. Bleyle of Arcade NY** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Alberta F. Bleyle of Arcade NY** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI22P2567GD

In the matter of:
William Donald McGoughlin
Of: **Wilmington, MA**
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Catherine M McGoughlin of Wilmington, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **William Donald McGoughlin** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **William G McGoughlin of Newton, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/16/2022.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 19, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
220731 6/1/22

incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **06/10/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Any one may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 13, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
220742 6/1/22

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 401 Dana Court,
Wilmington, MA 01887

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Susan Cote to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, and now held by **Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust VII-A**, said mortgage dated January 9, 2009 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22646, Page 75, as affected by a Scrivener's Affidavit dated February 6, 2013 and recorded with said Registry in Book 26953, Page 229 along with a re-recording of the mortgage thereafter at Book 26953, Page 232, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated September 9, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 25268, Page 29; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated April 2, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 28258, Page 96; said mortgage was assigned from Secretary of Housing and

Urban Development to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for SROF-2013-M4 REMIC Trust I by assignment dated June 6, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 28264, Page 79; said mortgage was assigned from U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for SROF-2013-M4 REMIC Trust I to USROF IV Legal Title Trust 2015-1, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee by assignment dated September 28, 2015 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 29453, Page 47; said mortgage was assigned from U.S. ROF IV Legal Title Trust 2015-1, By U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee to PROF-2013-M4 Legal Title Trust, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee by assignment dated October 20, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 30565, Page 71; said mortgage was assigned from U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee for PROF-2013-M4 Legal Title Trust III, by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Certificate Trustee by assignment dated March 16, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 35564, Page 140; said mortgage was assigned from 1900 Capital Trust III, by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Certificate Trustee to Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust VII-A by assignment dated July 14, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 36010, Page 148; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the

STOW — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, acting director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), announced the graduation of 60 firefighters from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy including Jacob Brothers and Blake Hery of Tewksbury.

Graduates completed the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program at three campuses: Class #301 trained at the Stow campus, Class #S27 trained at the Springfield campus and Class #BW19 trained at the Bridgewater campus.

"First responders are on the frontlines protecting their communities, and these newest firefighters are needed now more than ever," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "The rigorous professional training they've received provides them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

Class #301 (Stow):

24 Graduates from 10 Fire Departments
The 24 firefighters of Class #301 represent the fire departments of Arlington, Bellingham, Chelsea, Ipswich, Lynn, Malden, Natick, Plymouth, Stoughton, and Tewksbury.

Class #S27

Tewksbury residents

Brothers, Hery graduate Mass. Firefighting Academy



(Springfield):

19 Graduates from 13 Fire Departments
The 19 firefighters of Class #S27 represent the fire departments of Agawam, Amherst, Charlton, Chicopee, Greenfield, Holden, Holyoke, North Adams, Northampton, Southbridge, Southwick, Westborough, and Westwood.

Class #BW19 (Bridgewater):

17 Graduates from 8 Fire Departments
The 17 firefighters of Class #BW19 represent

the fire departments of Abington, Belmont, Concord, Foxborough, Hanson, Hyannis, Norwell, and Peabody.

Basic Firefighter Skills

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire

attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires.

Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program all students have met the national standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National

Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Today's Firefighters Do Far More than Fight Fires

Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires. They train to respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to fentanyl overdoses or a gas leak.

They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle crashes. They test and maintain their equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

The MFA, which marked its 50th anniversary last year, provides recruit and in-service training at three separate campuses and has graduated nearly 14,000 firefighters in more than 430 classes. Video of today's ceremonies will be available on the Department of Fire Services' YouTube channel.



Wilmington Police Log

Vehicle crashes into train gates on Salem Street

Friday, May 20:

10:53 a.m.: Police were notified of loose ammunition found on the ground outside a building on Avalon Drive. Police retrieved the ammunition and checked the area, but nothing else was found.

10:58 a.m.: A resident on Salem Street reported that vehicles were not stopping for school buses picking up children in the morning. Patrols in the area were requested.

1:40 p.m.: An animal complaint was received from Dorchester Street. A fox was out in the open and the caller was concerned for children getting off the bus. Upon arrival, the fox got up and left, but the caller stated he made the Animal Control officer aware of the situation and would try to contain the animal.

Saturday, May 21:

10:31 a.m.: A bylaw violation was reported on Marion Street when a party on a Segway-type device was soliciting for the Fox Pest Control Company. Police informed them of the rules for solicitation in town. The party was also told to cease and desist on a prior interaction. Police also spoke to the regional manager via phone and advised him of proper solicitation procedures. The male party was issued a citation for a bylaw violation.

and three additional solicitors for the company who were in town were advised to stop for the day.

11:04 a.m.: A walk-in party reported a groundhog was stuck in the fence at Rotary Park Playground on Adelaide Street. The animal was successfully freed without incident.

Sunday, May 22:

12:54 p.m.: Narcotics were found on Third Avenue. They were turned into the station for destruction.

1:34 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred in the Market Basket parking lot on Main Street. The gray 2021 Nissan Murano tapped a blue 2019 Nissan Rogue when pulling into a parking spot. No damage was done to either vehicle and both parties were sent on their ways.

10:22 p.m.: A bylaw violation occurred on Andover Street when someone dropped trash in a driveway that leads to a house. The trash included a bookcase, luggage and tires. A request was faxed to the DPW.

Monday, May 23:

7:11 a.m.: An animal complaint was received on Woburn Street. A deceased raccoon was removed from the area.

8:20 a.m.: A traffic control complaint was regis-

tered on Main Street. A report stated that one gate was up and one was down with the alarm sounding. Keolis was notified and responded, with the gates reset after the train passed. The MBTA police were on scene to await Keolis.

12:26 p.m.: Another traffic control complaint occurred at Main Street when the MBTA reported issues with the gate. Keolis was en route. Police were cleared when a Keolis crew was on scene to address the issue.

4:53 p.m.: A blue 2014 Ford F-150 was involved in a motor vehicle collision with airbag deployment when it hit the train gates on Salem Street after the operating party reportedly fell asleep. The signals were taken out and the vehicle was left

completely on the tracks. The Fire Dept. was called, as well as a tow truck. Keolis and the MBTA were both notified. Keolis reported a train would be coming through, but will stop and protect at the crossing. MBTA Police were not immediately going to respond due to manpower issues, but were ultimately on scene.

Tuesday, May 24:

3:12 a.m.: Police reported a deceased otter at the entrance to the Department of Public Works on Andover Street. The animal was retrieved.

1:35 p.m.: A parking complaint was lodged against the owner of a white 2015 Toyota Camry. A caller reported a male party was living in his vehicle in a lot on Middlesex Avenue and

recently began harassing customers coming in and out of the property. The caller requested the party be removed. Police were unable to locate the owner and had the vehicle towed, advising them on how to rectify the issue when they returned. The property owners did not wish to pursue a no trespass order at the time, but the vehicle owner was advised to stay at a different place in the meantime.

5:08 p.m.: A traffic control complaint occurred at the MBTA North Wilmington Station on Middlesex Avenue. Train gates reportedly were going up and down several times, but the gates were now up with traffic moving through. Keolis was notified and came on scene.

Wednesday, May 25:

2:23 a.m.: Kelvin E. Soto-Castillo of 145 High St., 2nd Floor in Lawrence was issued a summons for Operation of a Motor Ve-

hicle with a Suspended License. The gray 2006 Honda Accord was stopped at the Cumberland Farm Gulf Gas Station on Main Street. Another male party was on scene to take control of the vehicle.

4:42 a.m.: Richard Cruz of 15 Jordan Road in Peabody was arrested for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense) and Speeding in Violation of Special Regulation. The white 2022 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross was stopped on Lowell Street.

10:44 a.m.: A report of a building defect or issue was logged regarding the Yentile Recreational Facility on Cross Street. The Public Building Department called on May 24, 2022 to report a broken lock on the men's bathroom, and made arrangements for it to be repaired.

The Tewksbury Police Log was unavailable this week. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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WPD and AJ's Kitchen partner to make donation to Doug Flutie Foundation

The Wilmington Police Department was proud to partner with AJ's Kitchen this year again and make a \$1,320 donation to the Doug Flutie Foundation. "Thank you to all the Wilmington residents who joined us in supporting this organization with your donations and Autism Awareness patch purchases."

(Courtesy photo)

Movie Review

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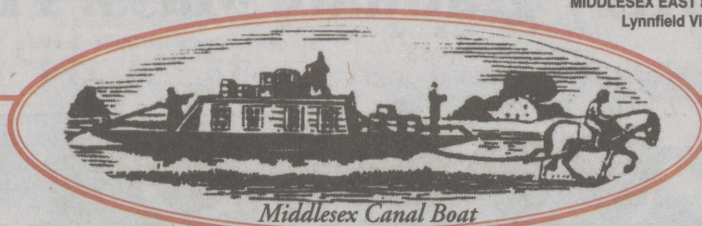
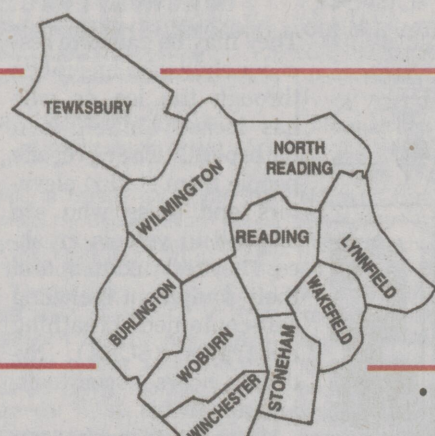
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Verdicchio honored by League of Women Voters

By RYAN LAROCHE

As former Chair of the Select Board and School Committee, the League of Women Voters Winchester recently honored Susan Verdicchio with its Civic Leadership Award for 2022. The award recognizes women who made significant contributions to civic life at a state or local level. Verdicchio has been a resident of Winchester for more than 30 years.

"I feel deeply honored to be recognized by the League," she said about receiving the award, "an organization with such deep roots and long history of service in the community."

A graduate of Brown University and Boston College Law School, Verdicchio joined the League of Women Voters in 2006 "to meet people and learn about local issues. I discovered the League was a great resource. It's a multigenerational group that organizes candidate forums every year



CIVIC LEADERSHIP IN WINCHESTER - Susan Verdicchio (shown here, left, in 2019 after being elected to the Select Board) was honored by the League of Women Voters Winchester with its Civic Leadership award for 2022 (also in the photo are Select Board member Michael Bettencourt (second from left), former Select Board members Jacqueline Welch and Amy Shapiro, Select Board member Mariano Goluboff (seated, left) and former Town Manager Lisa Wong (seated, right)).

(Bill Ryerson file photo)

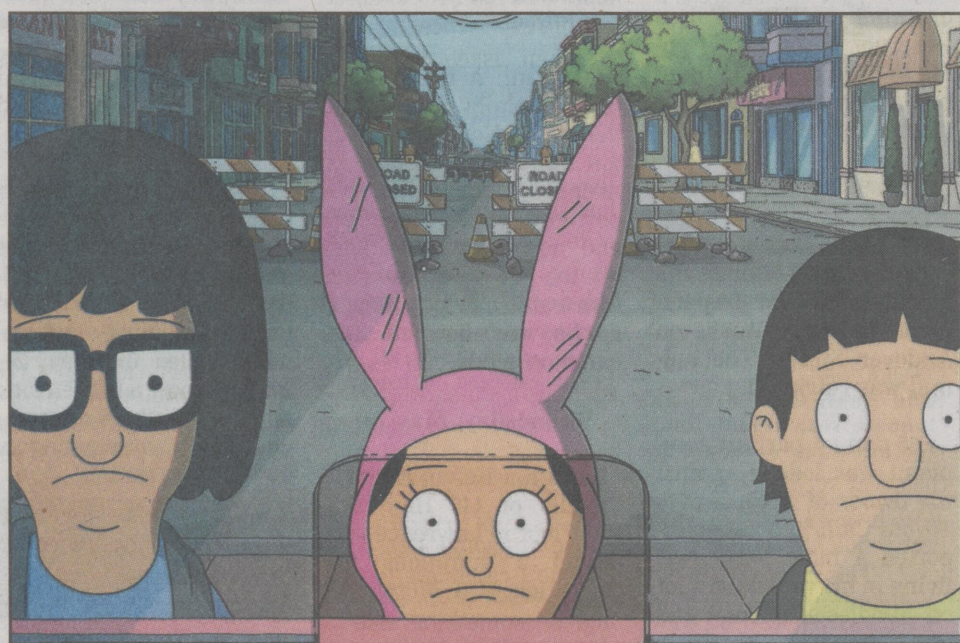
before town and state legislative elections."

Verdicchio noted how her mom belonged to an LWV chapter in the town where she grew up. As a new resident of Winchester (and a new parent), the League allowed Verdicchio to meet other residents in town and also helped her grow in her volunteerism.

In 2006, she volunteered as a member of the Muraco Parent Association to staff the school library when five town-

wide library positions were cut from the school budget. She led a group of parents in updating and automating the library card-catalog system, and advocated to restore funding for full-time library staff. Her advocacy continued into later years as President of the McCall Middle School, and Winchester High School Parent Associations.

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GOOD BURGER - Above from left, Tina Belcher, voiced by Dan Mintz, Louise Belcher, voiced by Kristen Schaal, and Gene Belcher, voiced by Eugene Mirman, in a scene from "The Bob's Burgers Movie" from 20th Century Studios. The movie feels very much like the show, only supersized. (20th Century Studios via AP)

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

A fun summer mystery with the 'Bob's Burgers' crew

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Fans of "Bob's Burgers" will find a lot to savor in the long-awaited big screen adaptation of the Fox comedy about the oddball Belcher family. "The Bob's Burgers Movie" feels very much like the quirky show — just on a supersized scale, which is all it needed to be.

It's almost summertime in this unnamed place that feels like any number of browbeaten beach towns on the New Jersey coast. For the Belcher kids, that means endless possibilities. The oldest daughter Tina (Dan Mintz) is dreaming about summer boyfriends. Gene (Eugene Mirman) is getting a band together (his instrument is a napkin holder and spoons held together by a few rubber bands) and hoping for a big gig at the nearby boardwalk. And Louise (Kristen Schaal) is trying to prove to her classmates (and herself) that despite her hot pink bunny eared hat, she is

NOT a baby.

Their parents, meanwhile, have more dire concerns: The bank is threatening to repossess their kitchen equipment if they don't pay back a loan. Bob's (H. Jon Benjamin)

bribery burger (which he made special for the bank employee with an extra egg and everything) doesn't work. And he and his wife Linda (John Roberts) have

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The Girls Make Their Point: Division 4 State Champions

Team's leaders show that great things can happen here in Wilmington

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HINGHAM - Over the past year and several years before that, Wilmington High sports has had a few incidents that haven't put the program in such great light. Whether it's been coaches being suspended, poor behavior by students and parents at games, or people getting upset with a handful of programs suffering through multiple losing seasons, there hasn't been a lot of smiling faces lately.

On Monday, that all changed.

The Wilmington High School Girls Outdoor Track-and-Field team took home the Division 4 State Championship title by the slimmest of margins, beating out Holliston by .2 points. The championship puts the icing on the cake on an incredible season, which included the 5-0 regular season and Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship Title and the program's first ever D4 State Relay Team Championship title.

This is the first female state championship title (MIAA sanctioned sports) since the softball team won back-to-back titles in 1993 and 1994. The team's catcher Lisa Southmayd, made the final out in that dramatic win in '94 and now her daughter Lily is a sophomore member of this year's softball team. She is two years younger than two members of the 4x400 relay team, which sealed the first place finish by also pulling out the dramatics with their fifth place in the final event of the two-day meet.

The team of freshman Addyson Hunt and seniors Shea Cushing, Amanda Broussard and Angie Zaykovskaya finished fifth at 4:13.72. The last three, along with Olivia Erler and Isabelle Puccio are the five captains on this year's state championship team, who deserve so much credit for keeping this very talented team together as one unit.

"Coach (Joe) Patrone had told us going in that our main goal was to try to stay in front of Holliston if we could," said Broussard. "Honestly, it was such a tough race. They had a really good relay team and we ran a great time for ourselves. I'm just very proud of the relay team. When we finished, Patrone said that the team won by .2 points (to win the title) and we were all able to breathe a sigh of relief, knowing we're all good. It was a good race all around."

Broussard and her friends have all been a big part of this program starting from the bottom and working its way to the top. A handful of them came in as freshmen, worked hard, trained hard and saw their improvements and personal records. That turned into team victories in all three programs (not all the same athletes) with cross-country, indoor and

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The WHS Girls Track team won its first ever state championship title, outdoors or indoors, in dramatic fashion by .2 points, with all it coming down to the final two events. The 'Cats held off Holliston to capture the Division 4 Title, which was held over two days, last Thursday and then it concluded on Monday evening. Celebrating the championship includes back row from left, Coach Don Wilson, Molly MacDonald, Sophia Pitzen, Sarah LaVita, Mollie Osgood, Celia Kulis, Kaitlyn Doherty, Ali Doherty, Alexis Melvin and Coach Joe Patrone; Middle row from left, Mallory Brown, Emily Grace, Addie Hunt, Madi Mulas and Hannah Bryson; and front row from left, four of the five captains from left, Olivia Erler, Amanda Broussard, Shea Cushing and Angie Zaykovskaya, while missing from the photo is Isabelle Puccio.

(courtesy photo/Susan Kulis).

In dramatic fashion, Wildcats storm from behind to overtake Indoor Champion Holliston by .2 points

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HINGHAM - The last time a female sports program at Wilmington High School won a state championship (not counting cheerleading which is not sanctioned by the MIAA) was 1994 when the softball team beat Mount Greylock Regional on the final play of the game.

On Monday, the dramatics were once again in place, this time on the Notre Dame Academy of Hingham High School track. With two events left, the Wilmington High School Girls Track-and-Field team overcame a double-digit deficit and scored 18 points in a matter of five minutes.

Those 18 points lifted the Wildcats to their first ever state championship title, indoors or outdoors, with 74.2 points. They overcame Holliston, who led the entire two-day meet, and they finished with 74 points.

That's right, the title came down to .2 points!

That came from behind performance, led by javelin throwers Sarah LaVita and Molly MacDonald, and then the 4x400 relay team - and earlier in the day the 1.2 points by Celia Kulis with her five-way tie for sixth place in the high jump - allowed Wilmington to celebrate as the Division 4 State Champions.

Not counting cheerleading, this is the third state championship for a female sports team in school history, following softball's back-to-back titles in 1993 and 1994. The other titles came from both Golf and Hockey teams winning back-to-back titles in 2000 and '01 and then 2012 and '13, respectively. The Boys Track team won Eastern Mass Titles, three combined Class C Titles in 1974 and 1975 and then

Division 2 in 2008.

"To win by .2 is a complete team (effort). Everybody contributed, from our four state champions, right down to the people that finished seventh and eighth," said first-year head coach Joe Patrone, who previously spent six years as an assistant. "Everybody contributed. Everyone has been working so hard. This is our first state championship in school history, indoors and outdoors. We were second to Holliston during the indoor championship meet and these girls just came through. Every single one of them contributed to this and it's just been such a fantastic ride. We had four state champions and then our captains, Amanda (Broussard), Olivia (Erler), Shea (Cushing), Angie (Zaykovskaya) and Isabelle (Puccio), who is not here right now (were all instrumental in the win)."

The meet started Thursday and was supposed to conclude on Saturday, but rain postponed the meet until Monday's holiday. With temperatures soaring in the mid 80s, it was certainly hot on the track, and a long day with the meet lasting 5.5 hours.

The top eight count for the team scoring, and then the top three in each event, as well as the next six from the combined six divisions, advance to this week's All-State Meet, which will also take place over two days on Thursday and Saturday but at Westfield State College. In this D4 Meet, Wilmington scored the 74.2 points behind 4 first places, a third, a fourth, a pair of fifths, 4 sixth places, a pair of sevenths and an eighth.

"During the indoor season when we got second place at the state relay

meet and then we got second place at the state meet, losing out to Holliston," said Patrone. "We went into that meet with no expectations at all and we came in second which is the highest any Wilmington girl's team has ever placed. Then the outdoor season came and we set goals for ourselves. We wanted to be league champions, we wanted to win the D4 state relay meet and we did both of those. We wanted to also win the Middlesex League Championship Meet but it's just tough when you have Lexington and Woburn, plus we just didn't have our best night."

"This was one of our goals to come in here and win this meet. To accomplish it and see everything that these girls did today (is just amazing). They do all of the work. This is all on them and what they do and what they have done. It's just an incredible group of girls. They are just awesome. I'm just so proud of them."

For the first place finishes, senior Celia Kulis (see separate story) started things off by taking the state pentathlon title on Thursday. Competing in five events, she won three, including the 100-meter hurdles with a meet record time of 15.58 seconds, as well as the high jump (4-11.75) and the long jump (15-08.25). Additionally, she was third in both the shot put (26-02.75) and 800 (3:01.65).

She came back on Monday and established a new individual meet record (separate from pentathlon) in the 100-meter hurdles at 15.13 seconds and was also in that five-way tie for sixth place in the high jump clearing 4-10.

Her high jump pal, sophomore Mollie Osgood (see separate story) was

crowned a state champion as she cleared 5-2 to win that event. The last title came at the end, in the clutch as senior Sarah LaVita (see separate story) took home the javelin, throwing 111 feet, while teammate Molly MacDonald came through with an incredibly huge performance, a fifth place throwing her personal best of 97-07.

"I'm so proud of Molly. She had a massive personal record and she threw 97 feet. She let that one go and it was crazy. I was right there when she threw it. I got out of my chair and everything," said LaVita with a big laugh.

LaVita was also able to take home a third place in the discus (97-06) and she was seventh in the shot put (31-09). Another individual double place finisher was senior Kaitlyn Doherty, who was sixth in the triple jump at 34-00.50 and eighth in the 100 (13.10). In addition, she was part of the fourth place 4x100 relay team along with her sister Alison, MacDonald and Madison Mulas, who came in at 51.17 seconds. The third double place finisher was Amanda Broussard, who was sixth in the 400 (1:01.46) and seventh in the 200 (26.26) and was part of the dramatic 4x400 relay race. The other individual place finisher was Cushing, who was sixth in the two-mile at 11:38.14.

So, while the news was coming in that Wilmington took home 14 points in the javelin, all that was needed was for the 4x400 relay team to finish ahead of Holliston and history would be made. Instead, things happened differently than hoped and some one needs to send Maya Tkachenko an early Christmas Card.

Who?

Tkachenko, a ninth grader, was the anchor leg of the Amherst-Pelham 4x400 relay team, who right before the finish line, pulled in front of Mia Luisi, the anchor leg of Holliston to finish second. That drop from second to third place for Holliston, saved two points in the standings and that and the fifth place finish by the 'Cats foursome, was the ultimate difference of first and second place in the team standings.

"I felt a little pressure but I knew that we had the best people on this relay team," said Zaykovskaya. "I saw when I was coming around that we had a good placement (and we were able to finish fifth). I tried to hang on to them as best as I could."

Besides the place finishers, Wilmington also had a handful of strong performances by other members of the team. Zaykovskaya was 11th in the 400 (63.28) and 12th in the 400-meter hurdles (72.91). Addy Hunt was 11th in the 800 (2:27.42) and 24th in the mile (5:44.02). Grace was 13th in the 400 (64.12), Alison Doherty was 15th in the 100 (13.24), Osgood was 15th in the 100-meter hurdles (17.80), Cushing was 16th in the mile (5:34.55) and Hannah Bryson was 18th in the two-mile (12:23.08).

Also, Puccio was 21st in the discus (68-00), Mulas was 22nd in the long jump (14-01.50) and 36th in the 100 (13.14), MacDonald was 23rd in the 200 (28.16), Kayla Flynn was 23rd in the triple jump (29-00.75), Gillian Kane was 30th in the 400-meter hurdles (1:22.83), Alexis Melvin was 35th in the 100-meter hurdles (19.71) and finally the 4x800 relay team was ninth at 10:41.68.

Mollie Osgood clears 5-2 in high jump during D4 State Championship Meet

Sophomore makes the next jump - crowned state champ

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

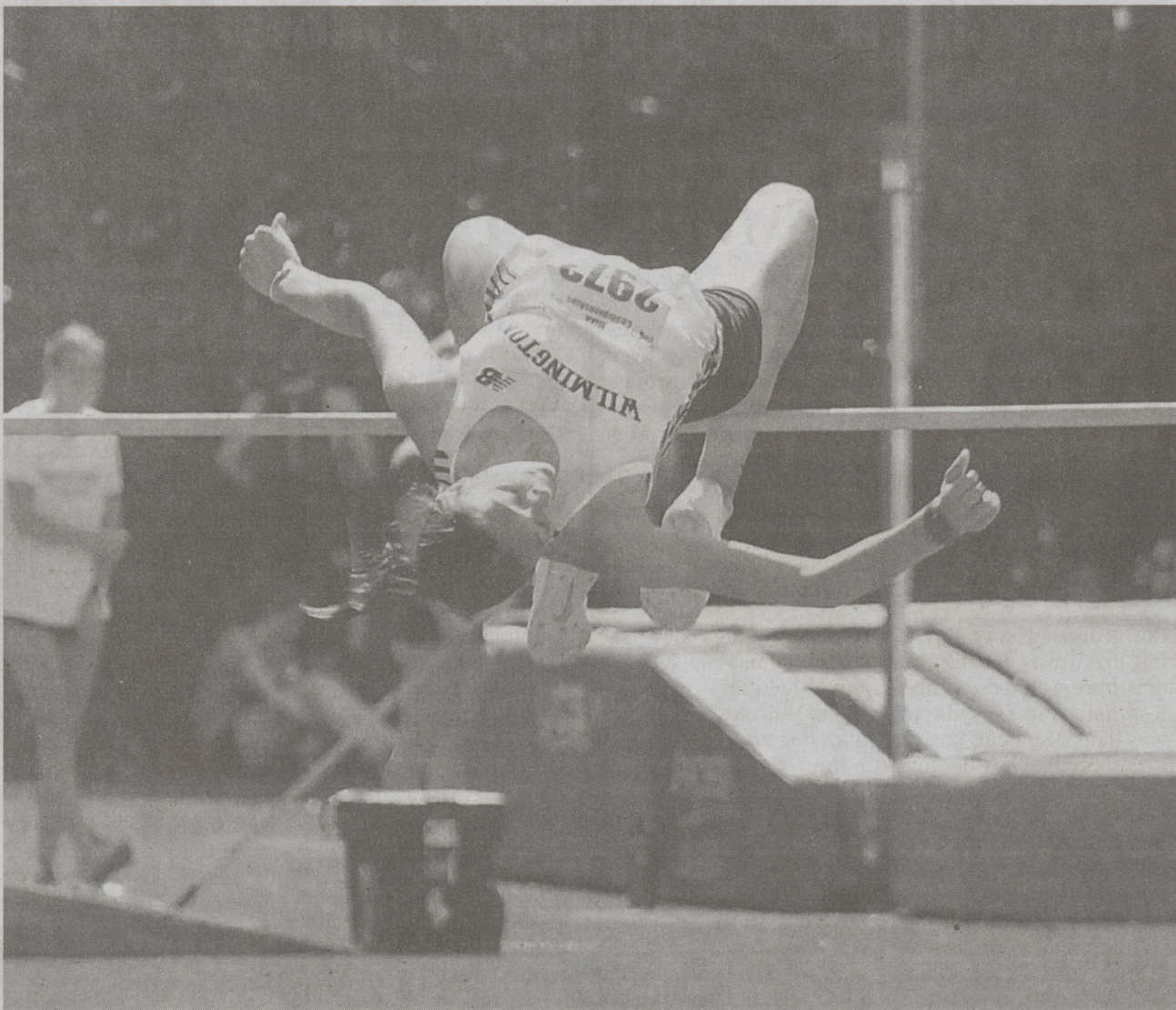
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HINGHAM - Throughout the second half of the indoor season and now through the entire spring season, Wilmington High School Girls' Track-and-Field coach Joe Patrone has been singing the praises of the sophomore Mollie Osgood. He's been saying that she has so much potential for months, not just because she competes in his favorite event, but more particularly because she is talented.

On Monday, she showed off that talent. Amid the heat, and the long day, Osgood cleared 5-2 in the high jump, and was consistent enough where she didn't have as many misses as her opponents, and all of that earned her the Division 4 state championship title.

"It's awesome. I have never been a state champion before. Last season I was second and during the indoor season I was second so it feels really good to be a state champ," she said.

Standing at 5-feet-10 inches, Osgood, who has also been a dancer her entire life, came out for the track team during the winter season of her freshman year and has been a force to be reckoned with in the high jump. She has been consistent and has also upped her mark as she continues to progress.

"Mollie has been solid all season. She has jumped at least 5-0 in



On Monday, Wilmington High sophomore Mollie Osgood captured the Division 4 State Championship crown in the high jump after she cleared 5-2. That performance helped the Wildcats win their first ever state championship team title. (courtesy photo/Susan Kulis).

every meet this season and I was so happy that she was able to win today. At last week's league meet she was leading the high jump, in the rain, as she had no misses until 5-2. It took a third attempt clearance by the Lexington High jumper at 5-2 to beat her." Monday was a bit differ-

ent. The temperature made things uncomfortable, so for Osgood she shielded herself from the sun with an umbrella.

"We brought umbrellas to keep us away from the sun and we also brought ice cold rags to put over our necks and faces and stuff, plus a lot of water. (The heat) definitely

bothers me. If the sun is beating down on my face, I sometimes get dizzy and feel weak," she said.

The high jump competition took quite some time and a big chunk of that was because Osgood and Medfield's Kathryn Buckley kept trying to one-up each other. "For 4-10, I got on my

first attempt and (Buckley) got it on her first attempt. Then at 5-0, I got it first and she got it second. I was ahead of her then and then at 5-2, we both didn't clear on our first attempt and then she cleared on her second attempt so it was like 'oh my gosh, I have to clear it'. I cleared that and nei-

ther of could clear 5-4," said Osgood.

High jumpers have different techniques that they use. Osgood said Patrone has been a big help in so many ways. He taught her to do ten steps which is pretty standard, as well as other techniques, which she is still learning.

"I try to work on holding my lean for as long as I can because that's probably my biggest struggle," she said. "I also try to work on driving my knee and then really arching and snapping (my back)."

While she has the talent, Patrone said that she also has the mindset to continue to really excel in this event. Perhaps even down the line break the school record of 5-6.

"She handled the pressure excellently and cleared on her second attempt. She then had three great attempts at 5-4 which is a goal of hers. It is amazing to think that she is still just a sophomore and has two more years with us," said Patrone.

This weekend, Osgood will participate in the All-State Meet where she indeed hopes to clear that next mark.

"I definitely want to clear 5-4. That's been my goal ever since I cleared 5-2 (for the first time). I just want to get that next height. I have never cleared 5-4, but I hope to (at the All-State Meet)," she said.

LaVita comes through in the clutch; takes discus title

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HINGHAM - Sarah LaVita has been a big part of this sports section over the last few weeks. That's because she's been such a big part of the success of the Wilmington High School Girls Track-and-Field team.

Monday was just another day at the beach for the outgoing and personable senior.

And while everyone should have been at the beach because of Monday's weather, she spent the entire day on her feet. It started by taking part in the Memorial Day Parade as a member of the high school's band and it ended with her first place in the javelin, which along with the fourth place finish by teammate Molly MacDonald, helped push Wilmington past Holliston and capture the program's first ever Division 4 state championship title.

"Sarah has been the backbone of this team all season. We have been able to count on her in all three of the throwing events when we need the points. This weekend was no exception. She came up huge with a seventh place

finish in the shot put, a third place finish in the discus and then today with the meet on the line, winning the javelin.

"Throughout the season she was consistent in the three throwing events, only losing once in the javelin at the first meet of the season against Wakefield. Sarah was always willing to do whatever we needed her to do in order to win the meet. Because in the dual meets you are only able to compete in two field events, we often had to decide where best to put Sarah to maximize our points. Sometimes it meant shot put and sometimes it meant discus. In the closest meet of the season against Melrose, Sarah beat the eventual league champion in the javelin and then came back to win the shot put, giving us ten important points in that meet."

While those ten points against Melrose were huge, her ten on Monday will be etched in program history. She said that she didn't know at the time that she was competing how close the team scores were, as at the time Wilmington trailed both Holliston and Burlington. With the final running

event, the 4x400 going on, LaVita informed the coaching staff that she won the javelin and teammate Molly MacDonald added a huge fifth place finish, which gave Wilmington 14 combined points. LaVita said that MacDonald's the one deserves so much credit.

"I'm so proud of Molly. She had a massive personal record and I think she threw like 97 feet. She let that one go, and it was crazy. I was right there when she threw it. I got out of my chair and everything," said LaVita with a laugh.

In two meets now - the Middlesex League and now the D4 State Meet - LaVita has competed in six events, finishing with a pair of first places, a second, a third, a fifth and a seventh.

"(Winning the javelin title) means the world to me. I had my parents with me when I got my medal, and Coach (Don) Wilson was there. I just got massive support behind me and it was really exciting," she said.

More importantly, she scored 18 of the team's 74.2 points helping the team win its first ever state championship title.

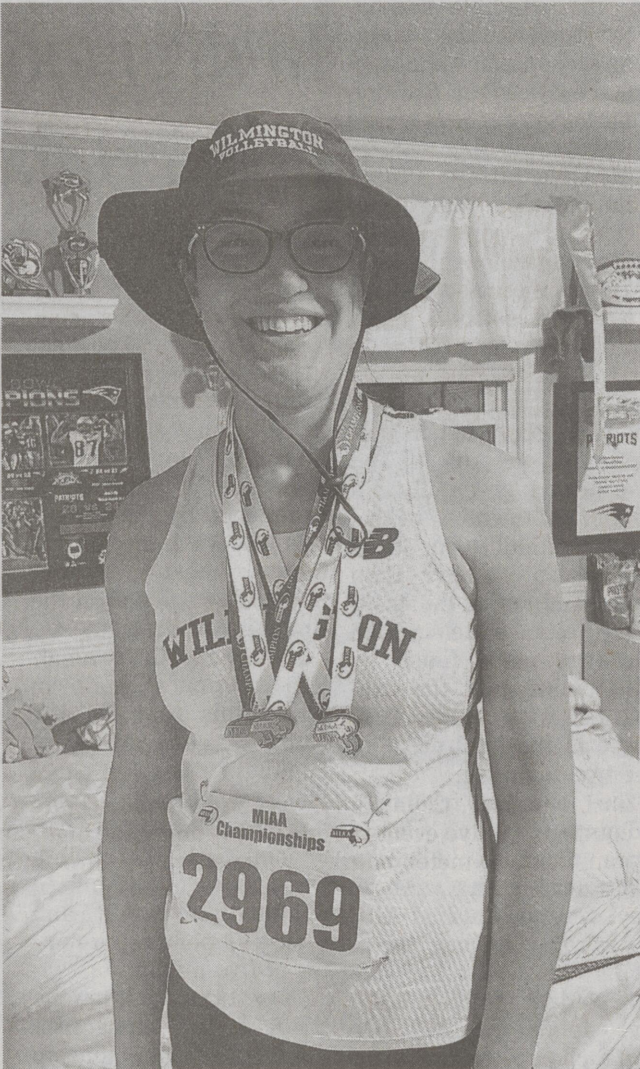
"Coach Patrone has been

pushing us all season. He set goals at the start of it, to first win the league, and to win the state relay meet and we got those and then the third one was to win the state meet. That was next. We all really wanted that and to do it is just really crazy," she said. "I'm so proud to be a part of this team. This team has meant everything to me over the past four years. I don't know what I would be doing without (my teammates)."

As the MIAA officials presented LaVita and the fellow captains the state championship trophy, she admitted that she was relieved that her busy day was coming to an end.

"I'm a little tired. I did march in the Memorial Day Parade this morning. I play in the (high school) band, so I wasn't going to let them down so I have to go out and march. I went out and marched and then I got on the bus and came here," she said before being asked what plans she and the team had once they got back to Wilmington.

"Maybe we'll get some Dairy Queen? Oh, wait that was last Thursday," she said with a big laugh.



Wilmington High senior Sarah LaVita placed in three events during the Division 4 State Championship Meet, including winning the javelin on the second last event of the day, which ultimately helped the 'Cats take home their first ever Team State Championship. (courtesy photo).

Relay team takes second, highlights strong day for Boys Team

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HINGHAM - Four one-hundredths of a second. That was the difference of first and second place.

On Monday afternoon, the Wilmington High School Boys 4x100 relay team made up of Jonathan Magliozzi, Willie Stuart (celebrating his 19th birthday), Joe Demoura and Jeandre Abel finished in second place with a season best time of 44.14 seconds, while Pembroke barely hung on for dear life finishing first at 44.10.

That second place finish spearheaded Wilmington's ninth place as a team dur-

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The senior members on the WHS Boys Track team includes from left, Evan Shackelford, Nicholas DiNatale, John Ware, Jack Melanson, Willie Stuart, Jeandre Abel, Michael Money, John Spencer, Joseph DeMoura, Olubunmi Olatilu, and Luka Smiljic. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Senior wins pentathlon, the hurdles and breaks three meet records

Back healthy, Kulis dominates the State Meet

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HINGHAM/WILMINGTON - Exactly a week earlier, Celia Kulis sat on the grass infield at Burlington High School in pain. She injured her foot and she was disappointed that she couldn't compete at the level she wanted to in the high jump and especially the hurdles at the Middlesex League Championship Meet. At that time, the thought of competing seven days later at the state championship meet was the furthest thing from her mind. She just wanted to get healthy and feel better.

And throughout her short yet unbelievable track-and-field career, the future Holy Cross student-athlete has yet to really have to overcome any adversity within the sport. She was tested this past week and came through with flying colors. Not only did she get healthy, but last Thursday, she captured the State Pentathlon Championship Title as part of Day 1 of the Division 4 State Championship Meet held at Notre Dame Academy High School.

"I took a lot of rest. I have had many injuries in that foot and just have so many boots laying around the house. From the past, I used to dance a lot and that really messed up my foot a lot," she said a day after the competition during Friday's light practice. "We had everything around that we needed, we knew what to do which was to get rest. I slept a ton and we knew that would be the best for my body. Then I wore a boot around just to keep my foot stabilized."

"I didn't come back to

practice until Monday and when I came back I had tape on my foot and I was just jogging on the grass, staying away from the track. I was just trying to minimize my impact with

about it and if I'm thinking about it too much, then I'm stressing myself out."

Before her first event, the hurdles, Kulis said she was extremely nervous,

falling shy of her 17-foot plus school record leap of a week ago at 15-08.25. Her time in the hurdles and mark in the long jump became meet records.

She was then third in the shot put throwing 26-02.75 and third in the final event, the 800-meter run at 3:01.65.

"The dreaded 800," she said with a laugh. "I had a plan to go very slow on the first lap and then kick it up in the last 200 meters and that's what I did and it worked out."

Once she finished that and the competition for the day, she found out a bit later that she was indeed the Division 4 State Pentathlon Champion.

"It hasn't hit me yet. I think my parents are on Cloud Nine. Even last night when I came home after getting some food, they just told me how proud they are of me, especially after coming back from the injury. I'm proud of myself too. I was so nervous," she said. "Even if I didn't do as well, I wanted to do something well because I hold myself to a higher standard than I probably should. It's just amazing. Having the team there to support me (meant so much). I had so many texts and my phone was blowing up even before the meet started so I knew that everyone was watching. It's just an amazing feeling to have going out of your senior year like this."

That senior year didn't end with Thursday's first place. It was actually just the beginning. On Monday, she added to her

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Back on May 19th, Celia Kulis broke the long time Wilmington High School school record in the long jump, which was held for the past 41 years by Margaret (Mooney) Roy. A few days later, the Town Crier was able to reach out to Margaret through Social Media, and she agreed to come and meet Celia and take photos. That all happened on Friday, May 27th at the Frank Kelley Memorial Track.

The Town Crier also interviewed Margaret as part of our 'Where Are They Now Series'. Her individual story, the story between the Roy and Kulis, and their pictures will all run in next week's edition.

the ground. Every day it felt like it was getting better, there was less twinge, less pain and everyday it was like 'OK, I can push a bit more.' The doctors think it was a bone bruise and the impact just jammed up the bones in my heel so I just obviously needed some time to heal."

That proper rest and proper way of easing herself back into a competitive slate, was immense in taking home the state title - a year after finishing third.

Kulis participated in five events for the pentathlon and although it says 30 minutes between each event, it's much less.

"It's really like 15 minutes because you need to get your marks and be ready, and you want to have your run throughs and everything else," she said. "It just seems like it's straight on continuously. I just try not to think about it. It's just one of those, send me to the next place and I'll go do it. If I sit down for too long, then I'm thinking

having no idea how she would do and how her foot would hold up.

"The hurdles scared me a lot because that's where I injured my foot. I just wanted to make it through. That was my whole thing. There was only me and one other girl in my heat, and I just said 'alright, you've got to finish this.' I did the whole race and felt fine," she said. "That race gave me a boost of confidence for the rest of the day. I was so nervous coming into the meet. I didn't want my ankle to give out and I knew it was weak. I knew that I wasn't what I was back in the Stoneham meet, but we were able to continue to carry on and I did the high jump and because the officials messed up, I took a few more jumps than I was supposed to. But in the end, I ended up jumping close to my personal record."

On the day, she was first in the 100-meter hurdles at 15.58, first in the high jump clearing 4-11.75 and first in the long jump,



Wilmington High senior Celia Kulis captured the state pentathlon championship title last Thursday at the Division 4 State Meet. In addition to that, on Monday when the meet concluded, she added a first place finish in the 100-meter hurdles, and tied for sixth in the high jump, all while leading the 'Cats to their first ever state championship title.

(courtesy photo/proud mom - Susan Kulis).

incredible state meet performance by winning the 100-meter hurdles and setting a new meet record with a time of 15.13 seconds. In that final race, she was neck-and-neck with Pembroke's Allison Flaherty before separating herself around the fourth hurdle.

"I could feel her (right with me). That's the whole mentality of the race is you want to push off (your opponents)," said Kulis. "When I felt her, that's when I knew I had to make my push."

When you do that, it gives you an extra encouragement to push yourself farther. Then (after taking the lead) it was like, 'OK, now I have to keep going'."

When it was over, Kulis had no idea that she broke another meet record - all she wanted was to cool down.

"I'm tired. I'm beat, I'm hot and sticky. I just want to go sit in (a room with the) air conditioner (on) for like an hour," she said with a smirk.



Last Thursday, Celia Kulis was the Division 4 State Pentathlon overall winner. She competed in five events in one day, winning the high jump (above) as well as the long jump and 100-meter hurdles, while she took third in the shot put (to the right) and 800-meters.

(courtesy photos/Susan Kulis).



Leaders prove that good things to happen here

FROM B1W

outdoor track.

After victories came a handful of 5-0 regular seasons, several Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship titles, a second place finish at both the indoor state relay and state championship meets and then this year's 5-0 season with the league and state relay championship titles, to go along with Monday's state championship.

"To go from our freshman year where winning any kind of invitational meet wasn't even in the cards for us (to winning the state championship) is such a crazy feeling because it was such a quick turnaround," said Broussard. "Last year in the spring, we were winning the league and then during the winter season, we had a few other strong showings at other meets. So, to go second at the relay meet and second at the states from the indoor season to winning both

the relay meet and the state meet outdoors is just the icing on the cake. It's such a great way to go out (this season and as seniors)."

Heading into the state championship meet, Wilmington certainly knew it had a chance to win with 14 combined girls who were seeded in the top eight of their events, including two in first. On the other side, Holliston had 12 in the top eight, including seven in the 800, mile and two-mile, and three in first.

"Coming into this season and doing so well in the winter, I felt like we definitely had a chance winning this (state championship title)," said Cushing. "We just knew that we had to put in that extra hard work and effort and it paid off."

This group proved that with some hard work, dedication, leadership and proper coaching, that yes, Wilmington sports teams



The senior members of the Division 4 State Champion Girls Track-and-Field team includes from left, Kaityln Doherty, Captain Olivia Earlier, Madi Mulas, Captain Angie Zaykovskaya, Captain Shea Cushing, Captain Amanda Broussard, Celia Kulis and Sara LaVita. Missing from photo Captain Isabelle Puccio.

(courtesy photo/Susan Kulis).

can compete with the Big Dogs of the Middlesex League ... and the state.

The entire program deserves credit for this title, from the coaching staff of Joe Patrone, Don Wilson, Brian Shepard, Deven Langenfeld and also boys

coach Mike Kinney, to the five captains and to the entire roster. They certainly accomplished this feat together, and certainly proved that leadership can go a long way.

"It was definitely stressful (watching). It was so exciting and nerve-rack-

ing at the same time," said Erler, who missed this season due to an injury but has been instrumental in the success of the three programs, cross-country and both track teams.

"Knowing that I couldn't run and being here cheer-

ing everyone on was just so much fun. I am so proud of every single person that did compete this weekend," she added, sporting a big smile, while the rest of the team did the same as they celebrated as the best Division 4 team in the state.

WHS Baseball team wins both games, qualified for state tournament

Excellent pitching leads 'Cats to Scanlon Tournament title

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WILMINGTON - Before the season started, the Wilmington High School Baseball team's coaching staff had said that this year's roster was completely different than last year's. This year's team seemed to have more baseball guys, compared to athletes, and kids who really gravitated towards the sport. They went on to say that how many wins that would turn into would remain to be seen.

Throughout the next two months, the Wildcats had glimpses of playing great baseball with some big victories and then there were times of sloppy play and tough losses.

Heading into this past weekend's 19th annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Tournament played on the field that helped him win 300 games, the 'Cats had their backs against the wall, knowing that they needed a two-day sweep and capture the tournament championship in order to keep their fun season going.

Thanks to some incredible pitching with seniors Jack Toomey and Joey Dynan, as well as one inning each from Austin Harper and Ayden Balter, who combined to give up two earned runs over 14 innings, the 'Cats first got by Blue Hills Regional, 3-2 on Saturday morning, before coming back before a large crowd to defeat North Middlesex Regional, 7-1, on Sunday afternoon. The two wins gave the 'Cats the tournament title, and evened the team's regular season record to 10-10 which is an automatic qualification to the new Division 3 Statewide Tournament which will get underway later this week.

"That was our goal (to win ten games). It was tough coming into this tournament needing to win both games, but I think our guys stepped up big time," said Wilmington coach Connor Zaya. "They also had a lot of fun this weekend, which was good. This was

one of the better games that we put together. That's a very good (North Middlesex) team. I know that aren't going to play in the playoffs, I think they're a great team."

The weekend started out with the dominant performance by Toomey, who was named the Tournament MVP. He tossed six innings, giving up two runs, just one earned on seven hits, while walking three and striking out seven. Harper tossed one scoreless inning with a strikeout, to earn the save.

"Our guys shoved (going all-in). Toomey stepped up yesterday. He's a great third baseman and a great player. We have been trying to mix him in and pitch him as much as we can and everytime he goes out there, he shows up. We put him in a big moment, he knew that we needed to win and he came through for us. We didn't hit super well yesterday, but that's baseball and we got the job done," said Zaya.

That victory, as well as North Middlesex beating Matignon in the other first round game, put the teams together for Sunday's final. With gorgeous blue skies and the music playing all day long, it was a fun-filled atmosphere, and even better with the sweet taste of victory.

"The seniors didn't want their seasons to end (on Sunday) so I'm glad that we are still rolling for sure. These guys were all ready to go. I had to tell them to get here at 1:30 and I didn't want to get them here too early, and eating hot dogs and drinking cokes, but they were down here early watching the first game," said Zaya. "The thing about this group is these guys just love the game of baseball, which I like to see. It makes our jobs easier between me, Coach Jim Boyle and Coach Grecco, for sure."

The championship game was scoreless until the bottom of the second thanks to Dynan getting out of a first and third,



The WHS Baseball team captured the annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Tournament over the weekend, first beating Blue Hills Regional, 3-2 and then North Middlesex Regional, 7-1. After the championship game, members of the Scanlon Family, Colin (back left) and his cousin Tim (back right) presented plaques to seven different members of the Wilmington and North Middlesex Teams who were honored as the All-Tournament Team selections.

(courtesy photo/AD Mia Muzio).

two out situation before he slammed the door shut with one of his 12 strikeouts on the afternoon.

In the home half, with one out and the bases empty, Toomey reached first on an infield error. Harper followed with a single up the middle and then Nate Packer walked to load the bases. Left-handed hitting senior Brian Curdo followed and he hit a groundball to the right side of the drawn in infield. The second baseman bobbled the ball, and elected to get the out at first, allowing Toomey to score and Curdo to grab an RBI. Number nine hitter Michael Monteforte then jumped on a first pitch fastball and delivered a RBI single to right field to score Harper to make it 2-0.

North Middlesex was able to get its lead-off hitter Andrew Murray on first via walk to start the third but he was erased when he was caught stealing which followed with two straight strikeouts.

In the bottom of the third, the 'Cats added three more runs. Jacob Roque started the rally with a walk and quickly stole second. Matt Vinal followed with a walk and then he and Roque pulled out a perfectly executed double steal. Balter reached first on a RBI fielder's choice scoring Roque, but Vinal was out at third. Toomey followed with a double putting run-

ners at second and third. Two batters later, Nate Packer delivered a two-run bloop single over the shortstop's head to make it 5-0.

Toomey had a ground rule RBI double to score Vinal, who led off the sixth with a walk, before going to second on a balk and third on a stolen base. Then in the sixth, pinch-hitter Brett Ebert walked, advanced to second on a groundout and third on a wild pitch, and scored two batters later on a sacrifice fly by Roque.

After Dynan struck out the side in the sixth, he gave up a walk and a single to start the seventh. Zaya then took him out, switching positions with Balter. After a fly out, he gave up two singles and a RBI fielder's choice, before striking out the final batter to end the game.

"North Middlesex has a great group of guys and coaches," said Zaya. "Throughout the entire tournament, Matignon had great coaches and players. Even after we beat Blue Hills yesterday, their coaches were just happy to be here and their players were happy to be here. It was great to have a lot of people come out for these games and I'm just glad that we didn't get washed out."

Wilmington had just six hits in the win. Toomey was the lone batter with two as he ended 2-for-3

with two doubles, a RBI and scored twice. Vinal was 1-for-2 with two walks and two stolen bases, Roque was 0-for-2 with a run scored, a RBI and stole two bases. Packer was 1-for-2 with his two RBI and also drew a walk.

Dynan (see separate story) finished giving up one earned run on three hits, while walking three and striking out 12 in his six-plus innings.

Zaya added that Austin Harper "had a great weekend on both sides of the ball."

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

At the conclusion of the game, two of Dick Scanlon's grandchildren, Colin and Tim represented the family by presenting plaques to the Tournament MVP Jack Toomey and the other six members of the All-Tournament team, which included three players from North Middlesex and then Joe Dynan, Austin Harper and Matt Vinal from Wilmington.

"I can't say anything but good things about the entire Scanlon Family. It's awesome to have them around. Obviously getting baseball back, and things to be more back to normal that they were in the past," said Zaya. "It's always tough if you lose this tournament, but so great when you win. This is great for our seniors,

but we have a lot of unfinished business left down the road. I don't think we're done yet."

STATE TOURNAMENT

As of Monday morning, the Power Rankings were not updated, last update came on May 27th. At that time the 'Cats were seeded No. 35. If you go by that ranking, the 'Cats would move up a spot to No. 34 and if 42 teams qualify, which it appears as of now, Wilmington would travel to face the No. 32 seed Medway and the winner of that game would travel to face No. 2 Medfield.

"I think our guys play well with their backs against the wall. There were times this season where we relaxed and said 'hey we'll get this win and that win' and we didn't get those wins. We had our backs pushed against the wall this weekend and we showed up. You can see our guys were having fun and it was great weather," said Zaya. "We are confident in our guys. We're going to coach them up this week, have them all dialed in for Friday and see who we play. We always tell them that it doesn't matter who the nine guys we are playing against. If we stay within ourselves, we'll win games."

Special Day starts with an Act of Kindness from Community Members

Dynan eats up North Middlesex with dominant performance

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WILMINGTON - Sunday morning, Joey Dynan and his teammates already knew it was going to be a special day. Before taking on North Middlesex Regional in the championship game of the 19th Annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Tournament in a must-win game to qualify for the upcoming Division 3 state tournament, an incredible act of kindness helped steer the senior captain to a memorable performance.

Dynan and 11 other members of the baseball team first met for breakfast at the Country Chef establishment here in town.

"The team and I want to say thank you to the two customers who paid for our team's breakfast bill today at The Country Chef Restaurant in Wilmington," wrote Dynan on the Wilmington Community Page on Facebook. "That was so kind and we are very appreciative! You were gone before we could learn who you were. We tried to leave money for your next breakfast but unfortunately the restaurant could not accept it. We also wanted to thank our servers at the Country Chef for your warm welcome to our group of twelve baseball players and for the many people there who wished us good luck on our big game today. We are proud to be members of this kind town. Hopefully we'll get Wilmington a win today."

That they did.

Dynan, who besides one or two off days, has been nothing short of excellent for the Wildcats this season as the team's No. 1 pitcher. The right-hander, who at times this season struggled with control and command, was in complete command in Sunday's outing. He went into the seventh inning before being relieved, and on the day, he gave up one earned run on three hits, while walking three and striking out 12, as the 'Cats easily rolled past the Patriots, 7-1, to even the team's record out to 10-10 and qualify for this week's state tournament.

"This (win) is so huge and we're all so pumped (to get into the state tournament). We knew coming in here that if we lost, most likely our season would be over as it didn't look like we would be in the top 32 teams. We wanted ten wins at the start of the season and we got it on the very last game," said Dynan.

Besides a little trouble in the second inning, and then allowing the first two runners to reach base in the top of the seventh, Dynan was in complete control of this game. Three of the first four outs he recorded came by strikeout, and also he also punched out the final batter of the second inning to get out of a first and third situation. From there he retired nine-of-the-next-ten batters, only giving up a short squibber infield hit to lead off the sixth but followed that up with three straight strikeouts.

"He is throwing harder than year, and today his fastball command was one hundred percent better than what it's been lately," said coach Connor Zaya. "He also mixes in his off-speed stuff very well. He just gets the outs he needs. Joey is leaps and bounds better than he was last year and he had a great year for us. This year he knew it was his senior season and he's just a leader. Whether he performs well or not, he leads. He always performs well. He strikes guys out left and right. He had 14 strikeouts against Watertown, a game we lost and he doesn't lose his head. He comes back and knows what he has to do and knows that the guys here are going to back him up."

"For Joey to get two wins this week for us is just massive. That just shows how much of a leader he is. I can't say enough great things about him on and off the field. He was ready to go today. I could say a million great things about him off the field and maybe even more on the field. The guy just steps up. He wasn't supposed to pitch for his last week against Dracut and said 'I know we need this win' and he stepped up."

After the two batters reached in the seventh, Dynan was pulled and freshman Jaret Balter finished it off and the 'Cats came away with the 7-1 win.

"We always had a positive mentality (that we could get ten wins and

qualify)," said Dynan. "We knew we had to take it one game at a time and really one inning at a time. We thought all along that we could get into the tournament. We just had to get the ten wins."

Before and during the season, the Wildcats endured a number of obstacles, and now that the regular season has ended, it seems like the team has persevered throughout those adversities.

"There was a lot that we didn't know that was going to happen. Just going into games, we really didn't know who was going to throw. We have plenty of arms, but with short depth of a roster with just thirteen guys (there was a lot of uncertainty each game). The

coaches did a great job of moving us around," said Dynan.

After Sunday's win, Dynan is now 3-4 on the season with two no decisions. He's thrown four games now with double digit strikeouts, including 14 against Watertown, 12 each against Dracut and North Middlesex and then 11 vs Lexington.

"It's been a pretty good season (for me as a pitcher). The walks have been a big thing, but besides my walks (being high), I knew that my teammates had my back so if I put the ball on bats, they could make the plays behind me," said Dynan.

With the state tournament pairings to be announced on Wednesday, it appears as if the 'Cats will play on Friday.

Dynan would be eligible to pitch with four days of rest, but none of that has been discussed yet. Perhaps the team can just think about getting another delicious breakfast which helps fuel them to their 11th win of the season.

"We have some great community members here in Wilmington. We were all at breakfast and they heard that we had a game today and said that they liked seeing kids doing things together," said Dynan after the conclusion of the game. "They wanted to support us. (The staff) didn't even tell us until afterwards. We were very appreciative of them paying for (the entire team's) breakfast."



Wilmington High senior Joey Dynan unloads a pitch for the Wildcats in an earlier season game. (courtesy photo/Judy Cabral-Roque).

WHS Softball finishes 10-10

Entire roster pitches in as 'Cats beat Tewksbury and LC to qualify for tourney

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LOWELL - Before the season started, no one could have predicted this. And after game four of the season, even the thought of making the playoffs after starting out 1-3 and being outscored 59-34, with all but three runs coming in the first game, was nothing short of absurdity.

But then again, that's why you play the games.

The Wilmington High School Softball team's magical second half of the season continued this past week in incredible fashion. After losing to Tewksbury, 16-2, the first contest back on April 16th, the Wildcats defeated them 9-8, in extra innings last Wednesday night. And after losing to Lowell Catholic, 8-7, back on May 9th, the 'Cats in a do-or-go home situation on this past Monday, defeated the Crusaders, 4-1.

Not only did the Wildcats defeat two teams that beat them the first go-around, but the two wins, as well as a loss to Melrose last Thursday, closed out the regular season with a 10-10 record. That may not seem like anything to most eyes, but for this team it should mean everything. Before the season started, the team didn't have a single girl on the team who pitched beyond youth leagues. A young sophomore, Julie Archer who was the back-up outfielder last year, stepped up, took six lessons during the

winter, and put herself out on the mound for the sake of being a great teammate. All she did was help the team pull off the impossible, and win ten games.

"Qualifying for the state tournament is awesome," said head coach Audrey Cabral-Pini. "After losing two players from last year's team many people didn't give us much of a shot. Hard work and team buying into our philosophies really paid off. Julia Archer has only pitched since late January and has done extremely well. Her change up has been working very well. Today (against Lowell Catholic), she went the distance allowing only three hits and one run."

Before last Wednesday's game, Wilmington had to win two-out-of three, and the first game was against Tewksbury, who at the time was ranked No. 5 in all of Division 2. The Redmen put reigning Merrimack Valley Conference MVP Samantha Ryan on the hill and she was matched up against Archer.

"The day before, we had what I thought was a really good practice. We did all hitting stations that day with the final station being the pitching machine at Sam (Ryan's) speed. We decided to cut down everyone's swing and making it more compact and they bought into it. We tried it the game before that, and the girls didn't buy into it," explained Cabral-Pini.

Archer threw a number of effective change-ups,



The WHS Varsity Softball team includes back row from left, Cassie Tibbetts, Maddie Kelsey, Grace Walsh, Bella Kieran, Eva Boudreau, Lily MacKenzie, Sofia Scalfani and Abby LaClair; Front row from left, Molly Walsh, Tessa Cappione, Julia Archer, Abby Nolan and Kiersten Moore. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

which stifled the Redmen batters, meanwhile, Wilmington's potent offense helped the 'Cats get out to 6-1 and 6-3 leads.

"When Tewksbury was coming back, we were afraid that things would fall apart like they have in the past and they didn't," said Cabral-Pini. "These girls were just so pumped to beat Tewksbury. The first time we faced them we were down 11-0 after the first inning. Honestly, if our pitchers throw strikes, it doesn't matter about their speed or anything else, usually we do well because we're hitting and we're playing defense. We're getting timely hitting. Before we would get hitting, but not two or three in a row."

Early on in the game, sophomore Lily MacKenzie blasted a 170-foot shot for a two-run triple. Tewksbury started to peck away and eventu-

ally they took a 7-6 lead going to the top of the seventh. Wilmington's top hitters Abby LaClair and Bella Kieran both singled and would both later come home on separate RBI groundouts.

Tewksbury tied it back it back up in the home half and the game went to extra innings. In the top of the eighth, Eva Boudreau started the rally with a single and then was driven home by Kiersten Moore, who belted a double.

The Redmen had the bases loaded with one out in the bottom of the eighth, but the game ended on a line out double play, with the runner at first getting doubled off thanks to the catch and throw from Sofia Scalfani to Kieran at first.

About 12 hours later, Wilmington was defeated by ML Liberty Division Champions Reading 14-2. That set up Monday's

game with Lowell Catholic.

In that contest, the 'Cats scored a run in the second inning as Boudreau singled, Maddie Kelsey got hit by a pitch, Archer singled and then Kiersten Moore earned an RBI with a groundout to score Boudreau.

"Both teams played outstanding defense and the game was just moving along with no more scoring until bottom of sixth," said Cabral-Pini.

In half inning, Lowell Catholic scored two runs to take the 2-1 lead. But then Wilmington countered with three runs in the top of the seventh. Moore started the rally with a single. LaClair followed with a single, and then Kieran singled to load the bases. Scalfani kept things going with a RBI single to right, before MacKenzie reached on an error to score two more runs.

"Our defense was terrific today without making any errors. We executed a 5-4-3 double play. Abby (LaClair) also threw out a runner trying to steal third," said the coach.

POWER RANKINGS

The last time the MIAA released the Power Rankings, Wilmington was No. 31 with a 9-9 record. The 1-1 week could move the team up or move them down, not sure yet. If things stay the same and the 'Cats remain at 31, and five additional teams with .500 or better records get in, then Wilmington will host Falmouth in a preliminary round game and then if they won that, would travel to face No. 2 Westfield.

The official brackets were released on Wednesday after the paper went to print.

Senior slugger a big reason for Wildcats' success

Kieran: 'I just want to eat and breathe softball'

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Throughout the ups-and-downs of this season, and the previous two (discounting the missed COVID season), one of the constants for the Wilmington High School Softball team has been senior co-captain first baseman Bella Kieran. A slick fielder with a potent bat, she has been a mainstay at the top of the order putting together real impressive numbers, all the while providing great leadership and now helping the Wildcats reach the Division 2 State Tournament once again.

"The kids love her and they really look up to her," said WHS head coach Audrey Cabral-Pini. "They admire her. After this year is over, it'll be the first time in eight years (and seven seasons) without a Kieran at first base. I think Bella does everything behind the scenes to make the program successful with fundraising, team dinners and that sort of thing."

Bella has been the first baseman for the last three years, and would be four with the COVID season. She followed her older sister Antonia, who is now playing at Lesley University after four years in a Wildcat uniform.

"I always had somebody to look up to (with Antonia) and I always had someone who people always compared me too. Everyone kept telling me (growing up) that I needed to be like my sister. One of the biggest things was my freshman year and I walked in here to this team, the first thing the coaches said to me is you're Bella Kieran and we're not going to compare you to Antonia Kieran," said Bella. "I liked that because my whole life it's always been 'you're never going to be as good as your sister and

you're never going to do this'.

"Having people not compare me to someone else was a big relief. Me and my sister are going to play each other next year (in college). We're just our own two people and our own separate person."

That separate person has been a pretty dominant force at the plate for the 'Cats - when she stays within herself, says the coaching staff, while Bella agrees.

"The last few games I think Bella has really been dialed in. If she stays within herself, she's really good (offensively)," said assistant coach Walter Babcock. "When she goes outside of herself thinking that she needs to carry the team on that one swing, she gets herself into trouble and she'll hit a lazy fly ball. When she hits the ball, she hits it really hard. All of the Middlesex League teams play so far back when Bella and Abby (LaClair) are up - they are back like 200 feet so the girls need to find the gaps more. Bella has cut down her swing a little bit and I think by doing that, it's helped her a lot."

Before the team's final regular season game - a win over Lowell Catholic which officially qualified the 'Cats for the tournament - Kieran was batting .390 with three home runs, five triples, with 26 RBI, while scoring 21 runs, all coming in 20 games.

"I love hitting at the top of the order (along with LaClair). It's been so much fun," she said. "Even if I strike out or something, to be able to be the girl who comes back to the bench and tells everyone where the pitcher is going and what she has (for pitches). I like to see them learn from my at-bats is huge."

Kieran said that at a young age she started playing softball and quickly hooked up with Abby's father Brian for

tips.

"He is a really good hitting instructor. I used to play on the Nor'easters when I was younger and he was my coach and then I left that team," she said. "Once I got to the U18, I went back to him for hitting lessons. He's helped me with the mental side of things and to want it more than ever."

"Before it was like 'oh yeah I want it and I like softball' and now it's like my whole mental side of the game has completely changed. I love the sport, completely love the sport. I just want to eat and breathe softball and just do everything I can do (in the sport). I just love it that much."

"Brian has really helped me get my head into the game and realize what my purpose is and why I'm doing everything that I'm doing (at the time) and working towards what I'm doing."

There's been many times this year where Kieran has crushed the ball into the gaps or for her three round-trippers against Burlington, Lexington and Watertown. She also had two huge days at the plate against Stoneham, the first going 3-for-3 with a double, triple and five RBI and then she knocked in seven runs in the second match-up. She knows though, especially come the state tournament, she can't be swinging for the fences every time up.

"There's times where I say to myself that I'm going to try to hit one out and I end up popping it up because I'm over-swinging," she admitted. "But if I think about just swinging hard and putting the ball in play, that's usually when I hit my best. Even some of my home runs, there was a girl on second base and we're down a run, so I was just trying to get her in so I try to do whatever I can just to put the ball in play and get her in. Good things hap-

pen when you do that."

Good things have happened to this team. Entering the season, the Wildcats didn't have a single pitcher - none besides one who took six pitching lessons on the side. Somehow, the 'Cats managed to get ten wins despite the lack of experience on the rubber.

"This season has been a lot different than last year. Playing teams and beating them 30-18 or losing 18-0. It happens but I've honestly couldn't be more impressed with how this team has been going," she said. "We've been able to put the bats on the ball (for the majority of the season)."

"Even when we went into games like Tewksbury, a lot of us did think that we were going to get destroyed after we lost the first game and we managed to all bond

together and win that game. That win completely blew me out of the park. When we beat Burlington last year, that was a big win, but Tewksbury is even greater."

The 9-8 extra inning win over Tewksbury happened last Wednesday night. It also happened six weeks after the Redmen trounced the 'Cats 16-2 in their first match-up.

"The Tewksbury win should be a huge confidence builder for us. They were (at the time) the number two team in (Division 2) so if we can beat them, we can basically beat anybody else," said Kieran, who will attend New England College and will continue to play softball, while majoring in either Business Marketing or Kinesiology. "I honestly think that we can beat

anyone as long as we keep the motivation and keep our heads on the game the whole way through."

"We have improved a lot. Before the season, a lot of the girls were coming to captain's practices all of the time and everyone was committed. Throughout the season, people have been asking questions and have been wanting to get better and I have seen everyone get better. Everyone is getting lower on the ball, we're all communicating and we're just bonding better as a team."

"I'm excited (for the state tournament). I want to go as far as we can especially because it's my senior year. I know that we can do it. We managed to beat Tewksbury, so if we can beat Tewksbury, we can beat anybody and it just comes down to our mental state."



Wilmington High senior Bella Kieran, shown here making a catch in foul ground, has been the starting first baseman for the Wildcats since her freshman season. On top of being a strong fielder, she brings a lethal bat to the plate, which includes slugging three home runs this season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

After slow 1-4 start, 'Cats have turned things around and are now 8-9

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WILMINGTON - Back in the early days of their season, when his team was struggling along with records of 0-3 and then 1-4, Wilmington High Boys Lacrosse coach Jeff Keefe stressed that better days were ahead, and that his team was showing improvement every day in their ability to play well together and master the tougher aspects of lacrosse.

In some ways, it sounded a little like coach speak, but you got the feeling that Keefe really meant what he was saying, and that he really believed in this group of players. As it turns out, with their recent strong play as of late, including a 17-6 rout of non-league rival Lowell this past Friday night at Wilmington High, the Wildcats are starting to make believers out of a lot of people.

The win over Lowell was the third straight for the Wildcats and improved them to 8-9 on the season, all but assuring them of a spot in the MIAA Division 3 State Tournament when pairings are announced later this week. With just one regular season game remaining, on Wednesday at Tewksbury, the Wildcats are currently ranked 23rd in Division 3, with the top 32 teams qualifying for the statewide tournament.

Friday's win was not only a big one for the Wildcats in terms of potential seeding for the tournament, it was also a rather unusual one in that it was so lopsided. Win or lose this season for the Wildcats, it seems that the vast majority of their games have been very tight affairs. But not this week, as Wilmington started things off with a comfortable 14-9 win over Pentucket on Wednesday, followed by Friday's rout of Lowell.

Against the Red Raiders, the Wildcats were in control almost the entire game, leading 3-1 at the end of the first quarter and then 9-3 at the half, before coasting to victory in the second half. Wilmington was led to victory by six goals from junior attack Nathan Alberti, while senior Gavin Erickson had three goals, and fellow seniors Alfonso Gambale, John Rhind and Tristan DiMeco had two each.

"We got off to a good start with goals from Alberti and Erickson, so

we were able to get a lead and play comfortable and play our game," Keefe said. "And then we played well in all four quarters and we finished this one off pretty well, so we feel good about that."

The good feelings for the Wildcats started almost right from the start, with Alberti scoring off a nice pass from Robert Cyr less than two minutes into the game. Although Lowell tied things up at 1-1 with 6:21 left in the quarter, the Wildcats got the next two goals, with Erickson scoring with 5:47 left and Rhind making it 3-1 just 30 seconds later.

Rhind's goal was a beauty, as he fought off several Lowell defenders and fought his way to the net before getting off a good, hard low shot to beat the Red Raiders keeper.

Lowell did have a chance to close within a goal later in the first quarter, but sophomore goalie Dempsey Murphy came up with a big stop for the Wildcats to maintain their two goal advantage. It was one of several key saves in the game for Murphy, who was filling in for starting goalie Owen White, who was injured in pregame warmups.

"Dempsey filled in late and he did a really good job for us," Keefe said. "We were missing Owen, but Dempsey stepped in on short notice and got the job done."

Alberti and Erickson pretty much took over the game in the second quarter, with each of them scoring two goals in the frame, with the Wildcats scoring six times overall. Rhind and Gambale added the other goals for Wilmington, while Gambale also added a pair of assists as the Wildcats took a 9-3 lead at the half.

Alberti would add three more goals in the second half and now has 53 on the season, as he and Erickson have powered the Wildcats offense all season-long.

"They work really well together and both of them have done a great job for us this season," Keefe said.

Lowell scored a goal just eight seconds into the second half to close within 9-4. But before they could start thinking about a comeback, the Wildcats struck for two quick goals in under two minutes, with Alberti scoring both of them off of great passes from Erickson, first with 11:05 left in the quar-

ter and then with 9:55 left to make it 11-4.

Wilmington made it 12-4 with 6:33 left in the quarter, this time on a nice pass from Gambale to Alberti, continuing a theme of great passing that has helped lead the Wildcats to their recent success.

"Guys have gotten more confident and more poised with the ball as the year has gone on," Keefe said. "We have been able to connect with our passing which has been very important for our clears and then to keep possession of the ball. It really helps us dictate the pace of the game and lets our defense get a little rest. So, the passing and the connection in those areas has been a big key for us."

The Wildcats would ultimately take a 14-6 lead into the fourth quarter with Rhind and Alberti scoring to extend the lead. Another goal by Alberti as well as tallies by DiMeco and Cyr accounted for the 17-6 final.

Results of the Wildcats Wednesday game against Tewksbury were not available as of the Town Crier's press time, but Keefe was hoping his team could continue their strong play of late and continue to prepare for the state tournament with a good showing against the Redmen.



Wilmington's William Kenyon and Lowell Catholic's Andrew Marcucci keep an eye on the ball during an earlier season Boys Lacrosse game.
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The senior members of the WHS Boys Lacrosse team includes front row from left, Tristan DiMeco, Luke Vitale and Yvenson Jeanty; back row from left, Will Kenyon, Jack Rooney, Alfonso Gambale, Jack Malloy, Gavin Erickson and John Rhind.
(courtesy photo/AD Mia Muzio).

"I think we have actually been building for a while now," Keefe said. "We had some tough games a

couple of weeks ago, but we have been playing much better this week. We are just really trying to keep that momentum

going. We really want to finish the season well. Tewksbury is a big rivalry game and is a good chance to show what we

are made of heading into the tournament."

Versatile DiMeco proving an offensive spark lately

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WILMINGTON - Part of the story of what has made the Wilmington High Boys Lacrosse team successful in recent weeks has been the willingness of each member of the team to do their part for the best interest of the team. Perhaps that is no more exemplified by anybody than senior

midfielder/attack Tristan DiMeco.

DiMeco, who started the

season as a midfielder for the Wildcats has recently made the transition to attack and has had an immediate impact, scoring five goals in the Wildcats past two games, scoring twice in the Wildcats 14-9 win over Pentucket

last Wednesday, and following that up with two more goals in a 17-6 win over Lowell on Friday to extend Wilmington's winning streak to three games overall as they prepare for the upcoming Division 3 State Tournament.

Following Friday's win over Lowell, DiMeco reflected on what has made the Wildcats so successful as of late, as they have overcome an 0-3 start to currently be at 8-9 on the season.

"We started playing as a team. We stopped doing individual stuff and we connected and found out how to play properly as a team," DiMeco said. "It's great that we are now on a three game winning streak. We came out today and played the way we wanted to play and did what we needed to do to get the win."

The three game winning streak at a critical time of the season has obviously been the highlight of the

season to this point, but even when his team was struggling, this been a season that DiMeco will never forget.

"It's been a great season. It is a tough fight every game, but it has been fun. For the most part, we have been playing well," DiMeco said. "If we lose, it is usually just because of a two minute breakdown that causes us to lose, but other than that we are doing well."

DiMeco has been a big part of the reason that the Wildcats have been doing well, first as a midfielder, and now even more so that he has moved to attack. With sophomore attack Charlie Rooney forced to miss some time due to injury heading into the Pentucket game, Wildcats coach Jeff Keefe was looking for someone to fill the void left up front by his absence. Thankfully, he didn't have to look very far to find DiMeco.

"Tristan is just a good overall athlete, so when we were kind of thin at midfield earlier in the season he stepped in and did a good job for us there, and then has transitioned pretty seamlessly into attack and provided us with some offense,"

Keefe said. "He is super flexible, so when we ask him to fill any role for us, he is willing to do it and he does it well, so we really appreciate him for that."

It is not just DiMeco's playing ability that Keefe and the Wildcats have grown to appreciate, but also the manner in which DiMeco has filled that role.

"He has a great attitude," Keefe said. "He is always positive and fun to be around. He always has a big smile on his face and is a great teammate."

A few years ago, making the switch from midfield to attack may not have been possible for DiMeco, who has seen his skills improve dramatically since reaching high school.

"I have been playing midfield since the third grade. I was only good at running the ball up and not really shooting or anything, so that was a good position for me," DiMeco said. "But since freshman year, I have been working on that. In my freshman year, and then in my junior year, I think I only had like one or two goals the whole season, because I would just run the ball up, pass it off and get off."

With five goals in two

games and seven overall on the season, that has certainly changed, as evidenced by his two goals on Friday, both of which came on hard low shots to beat the Lowell goalie. But even with his improved skills, the transition could have still proven difficult as DiMeco tried to build chemistry with his fellow attack men.

Thankfully for DiMeco, who is also a forward on the Wildcats Boys Hockey team, that was never an issue, as he already had a great bond with both leading scorer Nathan Alberti as well as Alfonso Gambale.

"I played hockey with Nathan Alberti and I was on a line with him for a while, so that helps a lot and Fozzie (Gambale) and I have been playing with him since third grade too," DiMeco said. "We have always been on a team together, so knowing him and having played with him has made it easier."

Playing on a line with Alberti hasn't been the only thing about playing hockey that has helped make DiMeco successful in lacrosse. Rather, it is the entire hockey player mentality that he has been able to carry from

one sport to another.

"The hockey mentality is to be physical all the time, and with lacrosse that definitely helps because you can't play lacrosse without being physical and that definitely helps when you are trying to win ground balls and battling against kids," DiMeco said. "So, it has definitely helped me. And also, the speed from practices in hockey definitely translates to lacrosse."

DiMeco is hoping that the Wildcats recent success also translates into success in the upcoming state tournament. He is smart enough to know that there is a tall task ahead for he and his Wildcats teammates, but he also knows that when they are at their best, they can compete with anyone.

"If we keep playing like we have been playing, and play like we know what we are doing, and stay out of getting penalties, we can do pretty well," DiMeco said. "We took a little bit of a hit with (starting goalie) Owen (White) getting hurt, but our backup (Dempsey Murphy) is really good as well, so I still think we can do well if we play our game. We are definitely excited for it."



Also played lacrosse during his high school days

Former WHS Football Captain, Charlie Minghella will certainly be remembered

This past week, the Town Crier and the Town of Wilmington was devastated with the news that 24-year-old Charlie Minghella passed away after being involved in an automobile accident.

In the sports world, Minghella, who graduated from Wilmington High School in 2016, played varsity lacrosse and football. On the gridiron he served as a captain of the 2015 team. Back in the November 22, 2015 edition of the Town Crier, this story ran on Charlie. We thought we would republish it to honor him.

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Thanksgiving Day Football is no doubt special to every member of the Wilmington and Tewksbury High Football teams, and equally special to the families who support them win or lose. But it is unlikely there will be a family more interested in the outcome on Thursday morning than the Minghella family of Wilmington.

The Minghella's will be represented on the field by senior running back/defensive back Charlie Minghella, a quad captain for the Wildcats, the latest in a long line of Minghella family members to roam either the gridiron or the sideline for the Wildcats.

Charlie follows in the proud history of Minghella's to play for the Wildcats, following brothers Matt (class of 2001), Chris (2002), Phil (2008) and John (2009) in taking part in the Thanksgiving Day classic, while the female members of the Minghella clan have also contributed to the cause, as Nicole and Catherine were both cheerleaders for the Wildcats.

The elder Minghella's continue to be a part of the Wilmington program, with Matt serving as the team's running backs coach and Phil as the team's receiver's coach, while Nicole serves as the Wildcats cheerleaders coach.

The connections do not end there, as even the Minghella's extended family has deep ties to Wilmington football. Nicole's husband Bobby French is a member of the Wilmington High Athletic Hall of Fame, known mainly for his exploits on the football field for the Wildcats.

Needless to say, Charlie will have quite the cheering section on Thursday, and they will be looking for the youngest member of the family to help bring home a victory over

Tewksbury for the first time in five years for the Wildcats.

"The mood in our family definitely changes as the Thanksgiving Day game gets closer. We always went to the Thanksgiving games when my older brothers were playing and it is a very big part of our family," Minghella said.

Wilmington coach Mike Barry is very familiar with the Minghella family, having coached each member of the family in one capacity or another. The eldest Minghella, Matt, was a freshman with the Wildcats during Barry's first year as a Wildcat assistant, and the rest have followed, all leaving the same impression on the coach.

"There has been a long tradition of Minghella's coming through Wilmington High and it is like they are all clones of each other," Barry said. "They are great, hard working, tough players, who play football the right way and play for the right reasons."

At one point this year, it looked as if Charlie might be joining his family in just watching the Thanksgiving Day game, as he was injured in the regular season finale against Burlington. He sprained his MCL, forcing him to miss the second half of that game, along with the team's next two games against Burlington (in the playoffs) and Woburn, before returning on a limited basis last week against Arlington.

But Minghella will be back at full strength for Tewksbury, and that is probably a good thing. He had just about enough of standing on the sidelines not able to help his team.

"It was tough to sit out for those games. I just wanted to be on the field," Minghella said. "But now I feel great. I feel strong and I am ready to play."

When he has been healthy, Minghella has done a fine job of carrying on the family tradition, averaging over five yards per carry in rushing for 223 yards on just 40 carries, while also playing some stellar defense at his defensive back position.

"Charlie has a great work ethic and is always trying to improve," Barry said. "He had some big games for us earlier in the season, and when he was injured, it really hurt us in the running game and in the defensive backfield. It meant a lot to us to get him back last week."

Along with missing Minghella's talent on the field, the Wildcats also missed his leadership as one of the team's captain. Minghella is not going to be the type of captain who

leads with a rah-rah style, but his ability to lead by example makes him a very valuable member of the Wildcats.

"In a lot of ways he is like an old school Wilmington kid, which probably makes sense," Barry said. "He is a quiet leader who just goes about his job done."

Minghella knows what is expected of him as a captain and has made sure his positive attitude never changes, even as the Wildcats struggled at times this season.

"I just try to come out fired up every day and do my best to have the team follow me when I do that, so I hope it helps," Minghella said. "If we are struggling a little bit, as captains we really can't let them get too down after a loss. We just have to get right back to it and try to do better in the next game."

Also helping Minghella keep his positive attitude has been the presence of brothers Phil and Matt on the sidelines as coaches. Charlie had always learned from his older brothers while growing up, and that continues to this day.

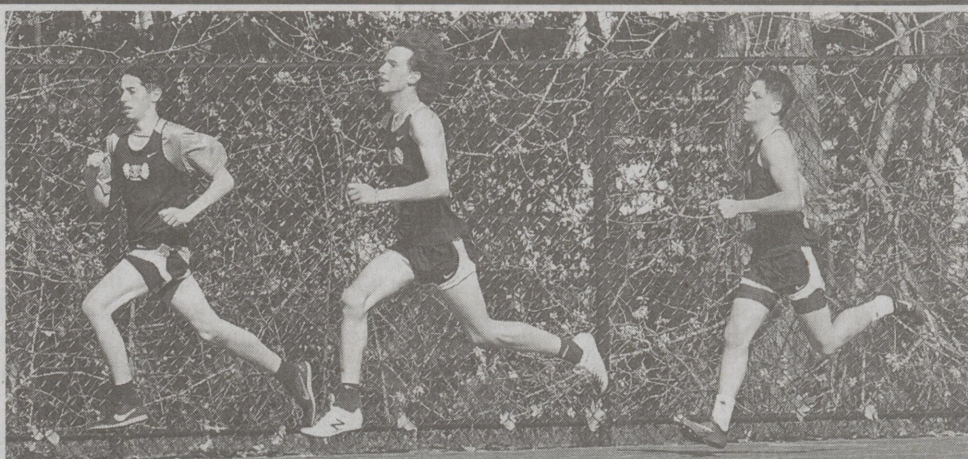
"I really like having them as coaches. It motivates me to play better. They were good players and I want to follow in their footsteps," Minghella said. "They are a great help to me now, when I come off the field telling me what I did wrong, or what I could do better."

The hardest thing about Thursday for Minghella will be that not only is the last time he will play with his long time teammates, but it is the last time he will be coached by his brothers. Minghella has been through a lot this season, battling his way through injury and tough losses, but none of that compares to the thought of playing his last game with and for those closest to him.

"I just try not to think about it, because it is a pretty emotional thing knowing it is coming to an end," Minghella said.

And as for the ending that Minghella has written for himself and his teammates, he has the perfect one in mind, days before the game is even played.

"If we win this game, it would literally be the best feeling ever, and I think the entire team would feel that way," Minghella said. "I think we have a good chance to win. If everyone shows up and plays their best, we have a good shot."



Matt Ramsey (Tewksbury), Gianni Zompa and Sid Tildsley during the middle of their race from an earlier season Shawsheen Tech Track Meet.

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Tildsley throws a gem in javelin to finish fifth at D4 State Meet

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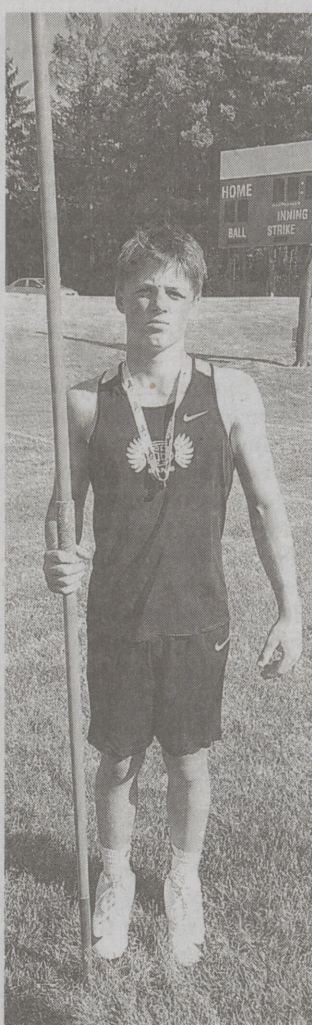
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HINGHAM - During the winter season, Shawsheen Tech freshman Sidney Tildsley continued to get better and better every week on the wrestling mat. So much so, that the Billerica resident (with family ties to Wilmington) made state history by becoming the first freshman to ever go undefeated at 60-0, which included winning everything from the Lowell Holidays to the Division 1 North Sectional and State titles, and then adding the All-State and New England titles to his belt. He went on to place seventh at the National level. For all of that, he was named to both the Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic teams.

Now two months later, he's at it again, just in a different sport.

On Monday, he entered the Division 4 State Track-and-Field Championship Meet as the No. 20 seed in the javelin with a mark of 127-07. When the meet was finally done, he left Hingham's Notre Dame Academy as the fifth best javelin thrower with an incredible heave of 141-01.

"He was our best performer. He came in fifth overall, which is ten a foot personal record for him," said head coach Joe Gore. "That's just phenomenal. We are very happy for him. This is first year ever throwing the javelin and he is still getting his footwork right, his starts right, when to start his crossover step, so he's getting better every single day. In practice, he hit a personal record every time this week. I'm not surprised (with his fifth



place finish) because he puts the work in."

Also competing on the boys side included Zachary Rogers, who was 16th in both the 200 (23.95) and long jump (16-05.25), Gianni Zompa, who was also 16th in the 110-meter hurdles (17.48), Tyler Francois, who was 20th in the 400 (55.59), Zach MacLauchlan, who was 43rd in the 100 (12.25) and then the 4x100 relay team was 15th at 46.00 seconds.

"Gianni is a first year track kid and he's a junior. For him to get here and have the season that he's had, is a real good accomplishment," said Gore.

Relay team highlights strong day on the track

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ing the two-day Division 4 State Championship Meet held at Hingham's Notre Dame Academy.

"The 4x100 relay team exceeded expectations. They had a seed time of 44.68 and they just ran a 44.14 which was fantastic," said head coach Mike Kinney. "We made some little adjustments (during last week's practices). Willie and Jeandre extended their legs because (the MIAA) made a new rule this year, expanding the exchange zone, so we had them running 110 and 120 feet each."

That adjustment really benefitted Wilmington, especially anchor leg Abel, who continues to be one of the more dominating athletes in the area.

"Jeandre probably got the baton like in fifth place and he flew by (three guys) and almost beat the (Pembroke) kid at the finish line," said Kinney. "The four of them have good chemistry and have been running together all year. They were undefeated in (five) dual meets, and were the best out of the (Middlesex League) Freedom Division teams. They just did awesome tonight."

Abel also got edged out at the finish line of the 200-meters to next door neighbor Alex Arbogast. Abel came through at 22.49 seconds, slightly behind the winning time of 22.27.

"It was a tough race. I

knew it was going to be between me (and Jeandre) and there was also a Dracut kid, who is really fast but he did the triple jump so sadly he wasn't in it so it was really between me and (Abel)," said Arbogast. "We have raced before this year in both the 100 and 200 and he's really fast."

Abel also competed in the triple jump and finished fourth with a mark of 41-02.

Also placing for the Wildcats was senior John Ware. Fresh off his ML Championship title in the javelin, he kept up that strong season by placing second with a throw of 151-10.

"We finished with 29 points for ninth place, so that's not bad. We have a small group of seniors, but really talented kids. John (Ware), Willie (Stuart) and Jeandre (Abel) are awesome and just really athletic kids and they also all have really good attitudes," said Kinney. "They are all just really disciplined kids, they work hard, they inspire the other kids, there's no behavior issues with any of them and they're just really good leaders."

Besides his leg in the relay, Stuart finished 13th in the triple jump (39-05.50) and was 20th in the 100 (11.75), Magliozzi was 14th in the long jump (18-00.50), Ware finished 15th in the 400-meter hurdles at 63.77 and Demoura was

On the girls side, Makayla Nolan and Lindsey Frontain finished 14th and 19th in the shot put, throwing 29-03 and 28-03, respectively, while Arianna Farrell was 19th in the 100-meter hurdles (18.22) and Megan Steeves finished 34th in the 100 (13.81) and 36th in the 200 at 29.94.

"Farrell has been the most consistent for us. She didn't hit a personal record today but she's been getting better and better all season. She's really got a bright future ahead of her and you have to keep an eye out," said Gore.

None of the competitors finished high enough to compete in the All-State Meet, thus ending both the boys and the girls seasons.

"We're young and we have a ton of good freshmen and sophomores and same on the girls side. The talent is there, so I think the next couple of years, we're going to have some real good potential in this program," said Gore. "We are very happy with our seasons. It took us a little while to get going. We got off to a slow start but we're super happy. Everyday we kept hitting personal records, and we're just getting better. It just took a little while to get going. With this many kids, it's a matter of finding the right events for everyone. Once we found that and the kids were stuck practicing that everyday, it flipped a switch for us and we really were able to hit our stride midway through the season."

18th in the 110-meter hurdles at 17.63 seconds. In the other running events, Noah Carriere was 16th in the 400 at 53.54, Aidan Burke was 20th in the 400-meter hurdles at 66.84 and Mike Oatis was 25th in the mile at 4:58.57. Two other relay teams also competed. The 4x400 team of Evan Shackelford, Tyler Nguyen, Carriere and Ware finished 14th at 3:42.95 and then the 4x800 team of Roman Moretti, Jameson Burns, Alex Kennedy, and Oatis finished 15th at 9:34.11.

In the field events, Luka Smilijic and Sean Patrone cleared opening height of the high jump at 5-6 to take 14th and 16th. Charlie Rosa was 19th in the triple jump at 35-07.25. In the throws, Cooper Loisel was 15th in the javelin throwing 129-04, John Spencer was 17th in the shot put at 38-08, followed by Jack Melanson, who was 21st at 37-03 and finally, Tyler Sheehan was 21st in the discus throwing 98-04.

"Sean Patrone cleared opening height (so that was good to see). Oatis has been a pleasant surprise and Cooper Loisel had about a four foot personal record in the javelin. He'll probably be our best javelin thrower next year," said Kinney.

Wilmington will send just the 4x100 relay team, and Abel to the All-State Meet which will take place Thursday and Saturday at Westfield State College.



Charlie Minghella, who tragically passed away this past week, was a running back during his football days at WHS. (file photo).

Rams have dominated, 36-2 last three seasons

Tennis team takes third straight title and the CAC Cup Championship

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BILLERICA - It would be difficult to find a team almost anywhere on the high school level in Massachusetts over the past three seasons that has been as dominant as the Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Tennis team has been during that time frame.

In that stretch, which included the 2019, 2021 and 2022 seasons, with the 2020 canceled due to COVID, the Rams have been on a remarkable run, dominating the opposition in the CAC. That domination continued this past week, when on Monday, May 23rd the Rams defeated CAC rival Fellowship by a score of 6-1 to wrap up their third consecutive CAC title with a perfect 12-0 record on the season. The win also clinched a second consecutive undefeated season for the Rams, who went 10-0 last season, and left them with a 36-2 mark over the previous three seasons after going 14-2 in 2019.

The recent success has been a fulfillment of the goals that Rams coach Jay Tildsley set for the program when he took over prior to the 2019 season, and according to Tildsley has been accomplished through the efforts of a hard working and committed group of athletes.

"When (Shawsheen Athletic Director) Al Costabile approached me about coaching this team a few years ago, I was excited to do it, because I felt like if we brought some structure and got commitment from the kids and build the program through their character that we could be successful," Tildsley said. "And once the kids started to take this seriously and realize how good they could be, the kids really rallied around it and have really developed a great bond."

That bond was never stronger than this season when the Rams, led by senior captain John Zembeck, as well as fellow top three singles players junior Bobby Dodge of Wilmington and sophomore Ethan Hines of Tewksbury set a goal for themselves of winning another league title, and they were not going to be denied in their quest for the title.

"From the first practice of the year, that was our goal and the kids really rallied around it," Tildsley said. "They pushed each other all season long."

In the title clinching win over Fellowship, the formula was much the same as it has been all season long, with Zembeck, Hines and Dodge powering their way to singles victories. Zembeck won his first singles match by a score of 10-1, while Hines in second singles and Dodge in first singles each won by scores of 10-3.

The victories by the three players wrapped up not only undefeated individual seasons for this

year, but it wrapped up back to back undefeated seasons for each of them, with Hines undefeated campaign last year coming in first doubles along with Tyler Newhouse. The move to singles certainly didn't slow down Hines and it certainly didn't slow down this group all season long, and certainly not in their championship clinching match.

"In the background, of course I was still a little nervous, and we started off a little slow too," Tildsley said. "And Fellowship has a young and up an coming team, so it was a little nerve wracking, but they settled and played well and did what they have done all year."

Sophomore Jasmine Johansen of Tewksbury, who has had a fine season of her own at four singles, picked up another big win, taking her match by a score of 10-2. The Rams also picked up a pair of wins in doubles play, with senior captain Sam Hines of Tewksbury and fellow senior Quinn Fallon earning a hard fought 10-8 victory, while the freshman duo of Trevor Engel of Tewksbury and Eliot Hong rolled to a 10-5 win in second doubles.

After clinching the regular season title with the win over Fellowship, the Rams had one more chance to prove their league dominance, in the CAC League Meet held at Greater Lowell last Wednesday, and they did just that, rolling to a first place finish.

The Rams took home both first and second place finishes in both singles and doubles, literally competing against themselves in many cases for the title, including in singles play where Zembeck defeated Ethan Hines 10-5 in the finals to win the championship. The win also earned CAC MVP honors for Zembeck, and capped off a season and a career that Tildsley was proud to be a part of.

"I couldn't be happier for John. He is a great player, but really he just

supports everybody," Tildsley said. "He is such a good teacher for the younger players and is always helping his teammates. He is such an outstanding player, but he is one of the most humble kids I have ever coached, and is just a great kid."

In doubles play, the senior duo of Sam Hines and Fallon defeated the freshman duo of Engel and Hong in the finals to clinch their title.

The win by Hines and Fallon capped off a tremendous season for the senior duo, made all the more remarkable by Fallon joining the team with no tennis experience, having previously starred for the Rams Boys Hockey team.

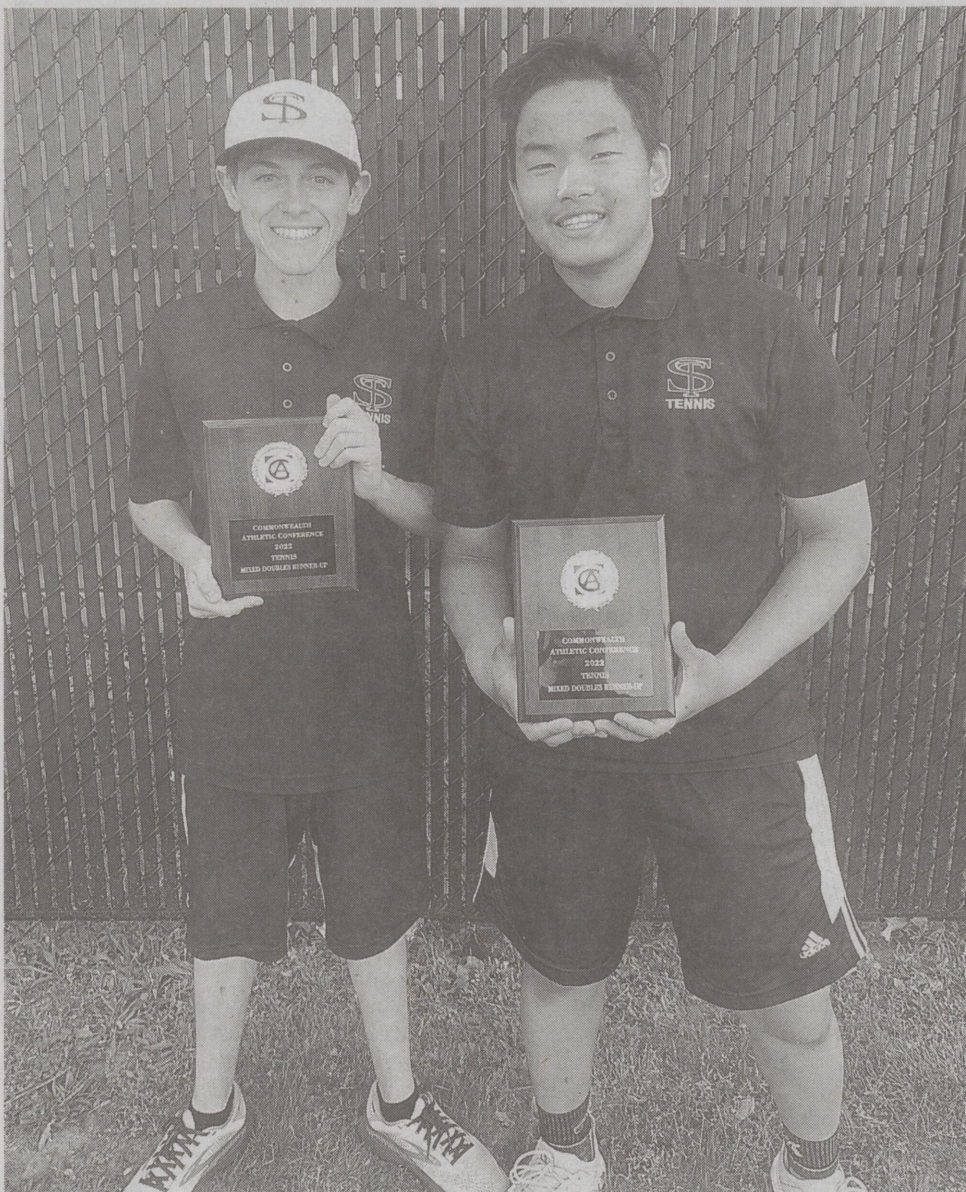
"Sam needed a doubles partner heading into the season, and he mentioned Quinn, who is a very athletic kid, but had never played tennis before," Tildsley said. "But he caught on quickly and he fit the role really well. The two of them played well together and it worked out awesome."

The Rams went into the league tournament as heavy favorites of course, but even Tildsley was surprised with such an amazing showing.

"I felt like we would have some success, but I never felt like we would be in the finals against each other," Tildsley said. "It was some great, great competition between our guys. They have battled each other on the practice court all season, and they battled hard against each other in the league meet."

After finishing off another tremendous season, the Rams must now look ahead to next season and beyond, a future that will not include Zembeck, Sam Hines or Fallon, all of whom are graduating, but will include as roster filled with many of the same players who helped lead the team to this year's undefeated season.

Dodge and Ethan Hines will return to play once again in singles, while both Sarah and Jasmine Johansen will compete in



Taking home second place in doubles play at the CAC Championship Cup includes Trevor Engel (left) and Eliot Hong (right). (courtesy photo).



Earning second place in the singles competition is Ethan Hines. (courtesy photo).

either singles or doubles. They will be joined on the team by Engel and Hong, among many others. The Rams will miss their

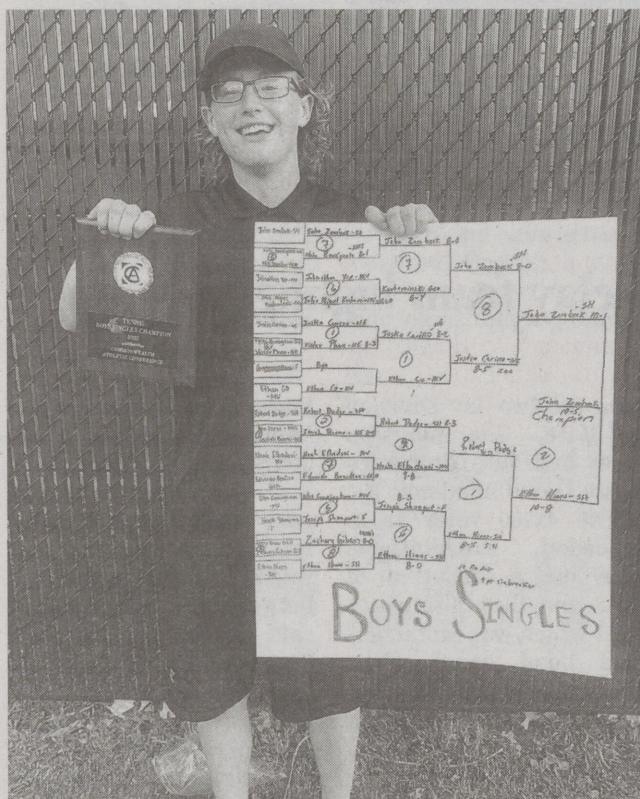
departing seniors, but appear well prepared to defend their CAC title once again, even in their absence.

"We feel good about what we are bringing back, but we also know that it will be tough to replace the guys we are losing, and everything they brought to the team," Tildsley said. "The league is getting better, and everyone would like to knock us off, so we will have a target on our backs. So, we are optimistic, but we also know that we will have to work hard and show the same type of commitment that we showed this season."

**Tildsley Named
Coach of the Year**

In recognition of the Rams outstanding season, Shawsheen coach Jay Tildsley was selected as CAC Coach of the Year by his fellow CAC coaches for the second consecutive season. The Rams are 22-0 over the past two seasons under Tildsley's guidance and have now won three consecutive CAC titles. Tildsley deferred the credit for winning the award to the outstanding work of his players.

"I am humbled by being nominated for Coach of the Year for the second straight year. But all of the successes of the team are from the outstanding players and their determination."



Above, taking first place in the singles match and earning the CAC Cup MVP is John Zembeck; below, taking first place in doubles play is Quinn Fallon (left) and Sam Hines (right). (courtesy photos).



Baseball team slugs its way to first round State Voc Tournament win

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BILLERICA - Given the way they have played all season on their way to winning their second straight Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship, it probably should have come as no surprise that the Shawsheen Tech Baseball team rolled to a win in the first round of the Massachusetts State Vocational Tournament on Memorial Day.

But even with as well as they have played, it was

still pretty impressive to see the top seeded Rams win in a rout over a very good Blackstone Valley Tech squad, routing the visitors by a score of 11-0 to improve to 18-3 overall on the season earn a spot in Wednesday's vocational championship game, where they were set to take on the winner of the other semi-final game between No. 2 Bay Path and No. 3 Diman Vocational on Wednesday at Shawsheen.

"Blackstone is a perennial good team in the state. They are always making

the state and vocational tournaments on a regular basis," Shawsheen coach Brian McCarthy said. "However, we were locked in at the plate and got some great pitching and defense. We were able to jump out early and often, and that takes away the ability of the other team to really play their game. It was a great team win."

It most certainly was, as the Rams got plenty of big contributions on offense on the day. But none were bigger than junior first baseman Mike Maselli of

BASEBALL B9W



The Shawsheen Tech Varsity Baseball team includes front row from left, Shane Costello, Owen Duggan, Nate Barnes and Ryan Santini; Middle Row from left, Nate Galanis, Robbie Welch, Evan Galanis and Mike Maselli; back row from left, Brendan Lee, Aiden MacLeod, Nick Gagnon, Conlen Powell, Jack Glennon, Eric Bellavia and Mavrick Bourdeau. (courtesy photo).

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FROM B8W

Wilmington, who was 3-for-3 on the day with two ground-rule doubles and a two-run homerun that was crushed over the fence in rightfield. He finished with three RBI and two runs scored on the day as well.

"Mike has been seeing the ball well lately and getting some great at-bats. He was swinging the hot stick all game with three monster hits," McCarthy said. "The big two-run homer was the first home run in any Shawsheen game since the new turf field was installed in 2017. It is a shot out there, and Mike made it look like a little-league field today with his hits."

"Mike is a pleasure to coach. He works so hard at his craft and it shows. Every day, he puts his head down and just goes to work."

Maselli was not alone in sparking the Rams offense, however, as he was joined by junior Mavrick Bourdeau, who had a double, two runs scored 2 RBI, as well as junior Aiden MacLeod, who had a hit and two RBI. Senior Ryan Santini of Wilmington meanwhile, had two runs scored and an RBI, while senior Owen Duggan had a triple, a run scored and an RBI.

The week before, the Rams offense had exploded in a 20-0 win over Greater Lowell to clinch the CAC title, and they did it again in this all important game in the first round of the vocational tournament, McCarthy was of course very happy to see his team step up in a big moment.

"We talk about staying the course and taking things one game at a time. Don't look too far ahead, that's when let-downs can happen and you lose focus on the goals at hand," McCarthy said. "So, it was great to check-off goal number one the other week with winning the CAC league title. Then, qualifying for the state vocational tournament as the number one seed was great. It was nice to be able to host that prestigious tournament instead of traveling the whole state during Memorial Day weekend."

While the Rams may not have needed a stellar pitching effort with the way their offense was pounding the ball, they got one anyway, as junior lefty Conlen Powell once again hurled a gem, with the complete game shut-out. Powell scattered only three hits while striking out three batters. Sophomore catcher Brendan Lee meanwhile, called a great game behind the plate and the defense was stellar all day in the field behind Powell.

"Conlen pitched a great game. He was locating all his pitches effectively, using his defense behind him and getting us back in quickly to hit after several big innings," McCarthy said. "You love when a pitcher works efficiently - the defense is ready to play behind him and loves doing so."

"Brendan has really evolved as a catcher this year. He's only a sophomore, but he's now calling his own games and he has a great feel for his staff. Lee has a good rapport with all of his pitchers and knows how to set up hitters. He's got a ton of energy back there, which you need in a catcher during a long season."

The win was also big for the Rams in that it came on the heels of a 13-0 loss to Arlington Catholic on Friday of last week. It was the second time in a week the Rams had bounced back from a tough loss to a powerful AC team to pick up a win. Last Tuesday, they had dropped a 5-2 decision to

the Cougars and bounced back the next day with a 10-3 rout of CAC rival Greater Lawrence.

"Overcoming adversity is so important in high school athletics. There are so many things going on in these player's lives, and so much can happen after a loss," McCarthy said. "I give this team a ton of credit. They work so hard every day in practice. Whether we are coming back from a loss or win, the team is hungry to work hard that day and prepare for tomorrow's game."

"That's what happened after the bad loss to AC at the end of last week, they shook it off, came to practice and got ready for Blackstone. You need a short memory in this game. You can be playing the next day and have to be ready for it. The team has shown a lot of maturity with this throughout the course of the year, so I am proud of them for that."

Nobody likes to lose of course, but even in defeat, McCarthy feels like his team can take something positive out of the two losses to AC as they head into the state tournament.

"AC was a solid team this year. Their lineup hits the ball really well. They will be a dangerous team in the MIAA tournament for sure," McCarthy said. "They play in a very competitive league (CCL). They have to go up against Austin Prep, St. Mary's, Bishop Fenwick, teams like that, day in and day out. So, they are battle-tested. That's a big reason we like to play them as a non-league game every year. Us playing good teams help us get ready for tournament time."

And speaking of tournament time, the Rams will now await the tournament pairings for the MIAA Division 4 State Tournament to see who they will be matched up against in the first round. As of the MIAA rankings on May 27, the Rams were ranked fifth in Division 4 with the top 32 teams qualifying, but regardless of seeding, McCarthy and his players are eager for the state tournament to begin.

"The boys are pumped to be playing post-season ball!" McCarthy said. "Starting with the State Voke this week and then the MIAA tournament next week, every game matters! They rise to the occasion and I'm excited to see how far they can take it."



The senior members of the Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team includes from left, Christian Robson, Aydan Churchill, Tyler Leeds, Ryan Dusablon, Kyle Brouillette, Jacob Martins and Dylan Timmons. (courtesy photo).

Rams officially clinch league title; await first round state tournament opponent

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DANVERS - Winning the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship is the expectation going into every season for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team, with the Rams at one point winning three outright titles in a row from 2016 through 2018, as well as a ten-year stretch from 2010-2020, when they won or shared eight of the ten league CAC titles, with 2020 excluded due to COVID.

But it has been a rougher go of it over the past few seasons for the Rams, who shared the title with Essex Tech in 2019, before the 2020 season was canceled. They then saw Essex run away with the league crown last season making it three straight seasons (albeit a canceled on included) since the Rams had won an outright league title.

But that is no longer the case for the Rams, who last Friday took the road to take on Essex Tech in a winner take all game for the league title, and came away with a 13-7 win to clinch the crown.

With the win, the Rams improved to 16-1 overall on the season, but more importantly, improved to 14-1 in the CAC, while Essex dropped to 14-4 overall and 14-2 in the CAC.

For Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker and the Rams, it was great to come out on top over Essex, a team that had beaten them at Shawsheen earlier in the season by a score of 12-9, to hand them their only loss of the season.

"It was great to see the seniors get it done," Baker said. "Essex has had our number over the past couple of seasons, so for them to end their high school careers with a league title, it is great and it

gives the many young players something to strive for each season moving forward."

The Rams pulled away late in this one, as the score stood tied at 4-4 at the half, and the Rams led just 8-5 at the end of three quarters. But a big fourth quarter put the game away for the Rams, as they were led to victory by team leading scorer and senior captain Dylan

Mike Lawson. Senior goalie Tyler Leeds made 14 saves to earn the win in net.

One very satisfying aspect of the victory for the Rams, along with the obvious perk of winning the league title, was that it avenged that earlier season loss to the Hawks when the Rams were not at full strength.

"We played very well in that game, but also had

Rams win) and they responded on Friday just as they needed to against Essex," Baker said. "We have the ability to be a very good team when we play as one and play a solid ball possession game."

Awaiting the Rams now is the Division 3 State Tournament. The Rams were ranked 13th in the most recent MIAA rankings as of May 27, but they



Shawsheen Tech's Zack Timmons carries the ball downfield during an earlier season Varsity Boys Lacrosse game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Timmons of Wilmington, who had four goals and three assists and now has 41 goals and 26 assists on the season, along with freshman Adam Priest, who had two goals and an assist and junior Derek Maguire, who had two goals.

Shawsheen also got individual goals from sophomore Rich Elliott, freshman Zack Timmons of Wilmington, senior Jacob Martins of Wilmington, Kyle Brouillette and sophomore Kyle Gray.

Elliott, Timmons and Martins each also added an assist, as did junior

some team disciplinary issues when we lost the first time," Baker said. "It was a huge difference playing them with a full squad for an entire game."

The win also was just the latest example of this Rams team coming up with a clutch victory when they needed it most. It was the seventh win in a row for the Rams, but two of the biggest have come very recently.

"The kids did it twice last week. We had to win out they and took care of business on Monday vs. Lowell Catholic (a 13-11

have tacked on a couple of wins since then, so they may very well move up in the rankings. Pairings will be announced later in the week, and Baker know wherever his team ends up, they need to be prepared for a stiff challenge."

"It is impossible to know who we will play, but we hope to get a home game or two," Baker said. "We will compete, but there are a lot of really good teams around the state that we could draw. Time will tell."

Softball team grabs win in regular season finale

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BILLERICA - Bouncing back from a five game losing streak, the Shawsheen Tech Softball team picked up an impressive 8-3 win over non-league rival Malden Catholic last Friday afternoon in their regular season finale at Shawsheen. The Rams, who had looked sloppy on defense in several of their recent losses, had no such problem this time around. And their offense, which had struggled at times as of late, also showed no signs of their recent trouble, banging out ten hits on the day, jumping on top of MC early on and then staving off a late comeback attempt.

The win avenged a loss by the Rams to MC earlier this month, who lost by a score of 8-1 back on May 9 in Malden.

SOFTBALL B10W



Shawsheen Tech second baseman Mia Bisso, of the Varsity Softball team, grabs the low throw to make the out during an earlier season home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Shawsheen Softball team picks up win in regular season finale

FROM B9W

With the win, the Rams improved to 9-10 on the season. The only question that remains for the Rams was if the win was enough to earn them a spot in the post season. As of May 27, the Rams were ranked 35th in the MIAA Division 3 rankings, with the top 32 teams qualifying for the state tournament. Pairings were expected to be announced on Wednesday as the Town Crier was going to press, with the Rams holding out hope that they will make the final cut.

"I am not sure if it is enough to make it to the tournament. I guess we will find out," Shawsheen coach Scott Ialuna said. "If it wasn't enough, we really have no one to blame but ourselves. We let games get away from us because our defense lost focus, and it was hard for the offense to recover."

But as much as the Rams may have missed out on some opportunities to secure a tournament berth in recent weeks, Ialuna was proud of the way they fought back to pick up a win in

their regular season finale.

"It was great to see the team respond the way they did after three ugly losses," Ialuna said. "This is what this team is capable of and I have been preaching this all year. I am happy for them to get this on Senior Day."

While their defense has struggled as of late, the Rams turned the tables on their opposition this time around. Shawsheen hit the ball hard all day and instead it was Malden Catholic who was forced into miscues that the Rams were able to take advantage of.

Senior tri-Captains Ella Malvone of Wilmington, Sandra Watne of Wilmington, and Kayla Mirisola of Tewksbury all had two RBI's apiece. In the third inning, with the Rams already leading 4-0, senior second baseman Chloe Gaglione of Wilmington hit a hard grounder that got by the Lancers second baseman, and rolled to the fence putting Gaglione on third. Sophomore Paige Fuller capitalized with a smash up the middle that



The Shawsheen Tech Softball team has completed the regular season and await to see if the team has qualified for the state tournament. The team includes front row from left, Gianna Caruso, Reagan Bowden and Lainey Powell; Back row from left, Paityn Rose, Sandra Watne, Chloe Gaglione, Kayla Mirisola, Alivia Imbimbo, Mia Bisso, Paige Fuller, Ella Malvone, Emily Freitas and Head Coach Scott Ialuna.

got by the centerfielder and allowed Fuller to score, making it 5-0.

Shawsheen added another three runs in the sixth inning to put the game away with consecutive two out hits by senior right fielder Paityn Rose, Malvone, Mirisola, and Watne.

The Rams would coast from there, behind the stellar pitching of Watne, who held MC in check for almost the entire game, before letting a pair of runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh. Watne, who may very well have been pitching in her final game as a Ram before taking her talents to West Virginia Wesleyan University in the fall.

Watne has actually pitched pretty well even during the Rams recent tough stretch, but had often been victimized by

poor defense. That was certainly not the case in this one, as the defense was stellar behind her.

Whether the Rams actually qualify for the state tournament or not remains to be seen, but either way, Ialuna and the Rams will look back on a season of many great moments.

"It was a rollercoaster of a season. We played beyond my expectations in many games such as our first game with Notre Dame, our second game with Whittier, and our second game with Malden Catholic," Ialuna said. "They were all great teams, and we went toe to toe with them. I was proud of the way we played and how we finished the season. It would have been better if we put our tournament fate in our hands instead of a formula, but we had

a lot of moving parts to overcome. We had six returning starters, but three played in completely different positions than the previous year, so we needed to adjust."

Whenever the Rams season does end, it will mark the end of the careers of Watne, Mirisola, Emily Freitas of Wilmington, Malvone, Rose and Gaglione. It will certainly be a tough group to replace, but with a talented roster returning next season, including junior second baseman/pitcher Mia Bisso of Tewksbury, junior catcher Reagan Bowden and sophomore right fielder Paige Fuller of Wilmington and freshman shortstop Alivia Imbimbo, the Rams look like they will once again be very competitive.

"The program is in a good place for the future.

Mia had a great season at the plate, and although she didn't get to pitch this year, I am very confident she will do well in the circle next year," Ialuna said. "Reagan, although a great outfielder, stepped up and filled a critical need behind the plate. She is a very coachable person, and learns quickly. Paige is becoming a very dangerous hitter, and she will fill one of the outfield positions next year."

"And then there's my three freshmen, Alivia Imbimbo, Gianna Caruso, and Lainey Powell. All three exceeded my expectations, and made the most of their opportunities, and I have no doubt they will improve even more next year."

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Verdicchio

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In 2011, Verdicchio served as a Steering Committee member and also began working with the Democratic Town Committee and as a campaigner for local and state candidates.

By 2013, she moved on to running for a seat on the School Committee (and won). She worked with the other members to improve professional staffing at all five schools including the rehiring of the 5th library staff position cut in prior years. Verdicchio focused on updating school facilities leading the campaign for a town debt exclusion for the Skillings Field flood mitigation culvert and new turf field and lights.

She served on the Educational Facilities Planning and Building Committee, and campaigned for town debt exclusions for the new Vinson-Owen School project and Winchester High School renovation project.

In 2017, her fellow School Committee members elected her to serve as chair. In that role, she promoted no cost all-day kindergarten, supported work at the McCall Middle School, and advocated for rooftop solar panels on the Vinson-Owen and Winchester High School.

In 2019, Verdicchio chose not to seek reelection to the School Committee and instead ran for a seat on the Select Board. By winning a seat (along with Amy Shapiro) and joining then-current member Jacqueline Welch, it became the first and only time in the town's history where the women outnumbered the men on the Select Board.

Two years later, the Select Board chose her to serve as chair. Unfortunately, Verdicchio's time as chair came during the coronavirus pandemic, so she was unable to chair any in-person meetings.

When asked how difficult that was, Verdicchio said: "I'm still processing

that, but I would say all aspects of human communication and deliberation are more challenging in a virtual meeting, and being new to any role would also be more difficult during the pandemic's virtual meetings. Meeting with the town manager or senior staff virtually also presented shortcomings. During the most confining phase of the pandemic we all lost the informal occasions to meet and talk, to follow-up and be sure one's intentions came across."

Verdicchio also chaired the board during a tumultuous period when Shapiro, then vice-chair, resigned in August of 2021. That left only four members for the remainder of her time on the board, as the remaining members all decided it made little sense to hold a special election to fill that seat only for it to be open again in the spring (of 2022).

Asked if it made her job more difficult, Verdicchio remarked, "Even when there are five members in place it is a challenge for the board to maintain good communication and work with all other town bodies, community groups and stakeholders in Winchester."

Verdicchio said the town administration is leanly staffed, as well. Therefore, one solution she suggested involved increasing the amount of people on a given board.

"It has occurred to me," she noted, "that as the town population grows, we should consider enlarging some boards, for example the Board of Health and Select Board, that cover the entire town."

As Verdicchio served on two important boards, and chaired them both, she opined on the biggest differences between the Select Board and School Committee.

"The School Committee seems to have a more focused role, and Winchester parents volunteer and stay

informed on issues as they come up. The Select Board oversees a broader array of town-wide functions."

She continued, "All of us have some familiarity with schools based on our experience as students, but the Select Board oversees a variety of town functions, needs to work with a number of other town bodies, and also needs to be sure information is getting out to the public as decision-making points are reached."

Of course, as mentioned above, Verdicchio volunteered on many boards and committees during her time in Winchester. When asked what she learned, she stated:

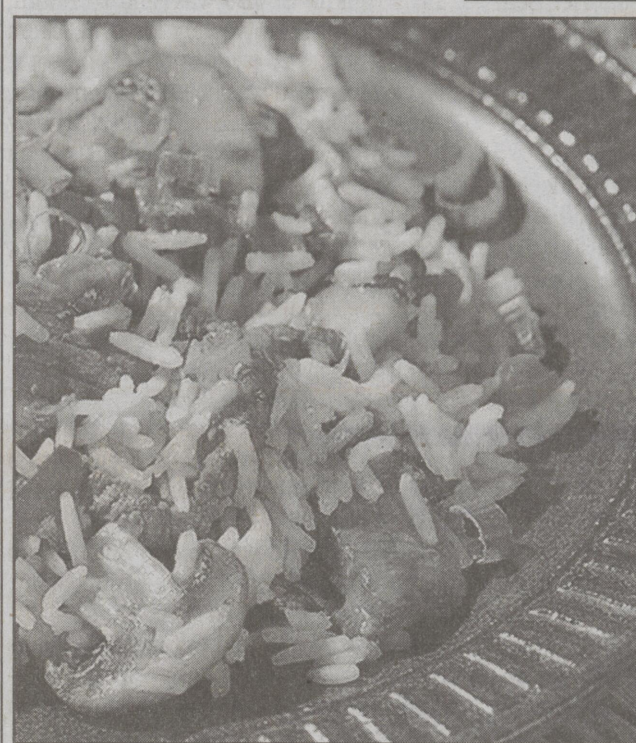
"All organizations work better when there is good communication, trust and teamwork. It's important and worth the time and effort to cultivate all of these to serve whatever community purpose a group comes together to accomplish, and yet it's a big challenge for a group of volunteers to find time for that. Being on the School Committee and Select Board both also taught me how important it is for elected officials to have a good working relationship with the professional staff."

As for what advice she would give anyone choosing to run for public office, Verdicchio said, "Decisions made at the local level impact residents' quality of life, so be willing to devote time, read up on background information, ask questions, and learn from experience, and it can be very satisfying to play a part in the decision-making around needed improvements and progress."

This advice obviously speaks to men and women, but it's perhaps women who need to hear it most. Winchester has only seen a scant few women serve on its most important board, the one that chooses the town manager, that chooses the town counsel, who releases documents and engages with developers on major housing projects, and who pushes for needed over-rides and helps to drive Town Meeting decisions.

Obviously, women make up a large percentage of the town's population (as they do for any community's population), but they often don't make up the same percentage of the town's public officials. Their input into critical projects is necessary to make sure they aren't overlooked. Not to mention the idea that you

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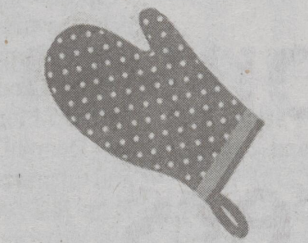
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are also both a valuable service and opportunity for new members to learn."

She noted how the League doesn't promote specific candidates, "but it can de-mystify how government and the elective process works. Individual members, unless they serve on the League Steering Committee in voter education roles, can certainly run for office or volunteer on campaigns."

In a memo, the League said, "The LWVW is proud to be able to recognize Susan's accomplishments and continuous outstanding service to her community at the June 11 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held virtually this year, so see the LWVW website for more details at <https://www.lvwwinchester.org/>."

is not impenetrable for a novice either. Like that no-frills burger joint with only one customer at the bar, it may even be worth the risk.

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can't "be her" if you can't "see her."

"Women are over half of the population," Verdicchio said; "their voices and contributions to local, state and federal government are critically important. I very much appreciate all the help and support I have received from other women (and men) over the years, so I would encourage others to both volunteer on local campaigns and consider running for office yourself. Again, a great many decisions that affect public education and residents' quality of life are made at the local level."

As a Winchester Town Meeting member noted at the most recent session of Town Meeting, "things move pretty quickly on the local level." This means when decisions

get made and money gets spent, it's important that women are a part of that conversation (not because they necessarily know better, but because they know differently, with different life experiences).

When asked what role the League of Women Voters can play in encouraging more women to run for office, Verdicchio mentioned how the League held a panel a few years ago of local women in public office who "shared" their experiences and advice about the campaign process, canvassing, fundraising, and the like.

"Another League program was along the lines of an introductory course or 'Town Government 101.' Those are some ideas. The League's candidate forums

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to scramble to make a payment in two weeks.

Their cartoonishly wealthy and eccentric landlord Calvin Fischeoeder (an ever delightful Kevin Kline) says he might consider waving rent for a month as he speeds away on a golf cart chugging champagne with his brother Felix (Zach Galifianakis) and lawyer cousin Courtney (David Wain). But matters are complicated further thanks to a massive sinkhole that opened in front of the burger joint, leaving the only way in through the gross alley.

Naturally the finances of the burger joint are not among the kids' highest priorities, especially when the

remains of a long dead body turn up and they decide to skip school and help solve the murder of the boardwalk employee Cotton Candy Dan. They're related, but we won't spoil how.

"The Bob's Burgers Movie" feels very easy and lived in thanks at least in part to the fact that its vocal cast has been doing this for over 200 episodes. The film was also co-directed by series creator Loren Bouchard and its longstanding supervising director and producer Bernard Berrian and co-written by Bouchard and showrunner Nora Smith. They know the recipe for success by heart and didn't feel like they needed to push the envelope

and be something else to make a splash in theaters. That includes sticking to its signature 2D animation.

There are even a few song and dance numbers sprinkled in. The songs are a study of contradictions: Somehow atonal, catchy, charming and awkward all at once. It's a pretty impressive feat. And yet they are so few and far between that it does feel like a bit of a stretch to be marketing this is a musical.

Eleven seasons in, the characters may not be ubiquitous enough to recruit any newcomers to start with the movie. The Simpsons and South Park were arguably more widely known when their movies came out. But "The Bob's Burgers Movie"

cards. If you do not have a card with you or have not been vaccinated, we will require that you remain masked during the performance.

There will be a supply of masks at the door. For all others who have vaccination cards and have been vaccinated and boosted, masks will be optional.

All the singers and musicians in this concert have been fully vaccinated and boosted as a requirement to participate in the concert.

To purchase tickets for this concert: <https://polymnia.org/about-our-upcoming-season/>

RMLD

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, § 39M, the Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) intends to contract for and extends an invitation to submit sealed bids for:

RMLD SUBSTATION 4 TRANSFORMER TESTING AND REPAIRS

A Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit will be held at **10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 8, 2022**, at the RMLD, 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01867. **Attendance is mandatory.** Bids will only be accepted from Contractors who attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit.

The RMLD will receive sealed bids until **11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2022**, at 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867. Bids will then be opened and read aloud publicly in the RMLD Spurr/AV Room. Bids received after the time of announced opening will not be accepted.

Bid documents and bid forms may be obtained via email request to Maureen Sullivan, Assistant Materials Manager, at msullivan@rmld.com. For questions or further information, please contact Maureen Sullivan at 781-942-6441. Note: This is a Prevailing Wage project for the repair work.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the RMLD for a sum not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid. In lieu of a check, a bid bond may be submitted in an amount not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid, unless otherwise stated. The bond must be from a corporate surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, conditioned that the bidder will pay the RMLD, as liquidated damages, the amount specified in the bond unless the bidder enters into a contract in accordance with the bid. If the bidder fails to enter into the contract or furnish any required bonds, insurance documents, or other required documents within ten (10) days from the date on which the bidder is notified that the bid has been accepted, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the RMLD.

The RMLD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, including and without limitation the right to reject any or all non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids, and to reject any bid if the RMLD believes that it would not be in the best interest of the RMLD to make the award to that bidder. RMLD also reserves the right to waive any minor informalities not involving price, time or changes to the work.

No agreement shall be valid or binding unless duly executed via contract or other writing signed by an authorized representative of the RMLD.

RMLD will make reasonable efforts to review and process bids promptly. However, RMLD will not be liable for any delays in acting on a bid.

June 4 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, Melrose Polymnia Choral Society celebrates return to live performances with "The Journey Home"

For over 65 years, Polymnia Choral Society has been delivering great performances to acknowledge and honor the important times in our lives.

For the first time in over two years, we are excited to announce that we will be performing our live spring concert, "The Journey Home" on June 4, 2022 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church (46 Myrtle St, Melrose, MA 02176).

Under the direction of Artistic Director Murray Kidd, the concert will include musical pieces with lyrics gathered from Robert Burns poems, Undine Smith Moore, Sarah Quartel, Christina Rossetti, the writings of Mother Theresa, a special tribute to

Ukraine and more.

Come enjoy Polymnia Choral Society's performance of songs promoting love, introspection, belonging, and hope for the future. This concert is designed to encourage the audience to reflect on the last two years of the journey through this pandemic and look forward to a more hopeful day when the pandemic will be over.

The concert is suitable for all ages. Doors open at 7:30PM. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for Seniors, \$15 students, and \$5 for children under 12.

Covid Safety Policy

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• Real Estate Transfers •

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4 Cedarwood Ln was sold to Gabriel, Seth M and Gabriel, Megan E by Horgan FT and Carey, Diane for \$705,000 on 05/13/22

31 Overlook Ave was sold to Parikh, Hemang and Parikh, Sonalben H by Dearaujo, Jonathan M for \$1,450,000 on 05/12/22

1 Princeton Rd was sold to Princeton Home Bldrs LLC by Monteforte Lillian M Est and Monteforte, Richard for \$651,800 on 05/10/22

5 Wheeler Rd was sold to AA Burlington Owner LP by Chatham Burlington HG LL for \$23,500,000 on 05/11/22

68 Wilmington Rd was sold to Weston Dev Co LLC by Ipa Dev Company LLC for \$878,000 on 05/12/22

LYNNFIELD

Broadway (off) was sold to 470 Broadway RT and Kotsaninis, Ilias by Lynnfield Town Of for \$115,200 on 05/13/22

525 Lowell St was sold to Daconceicao, Virlanda and Felizardo, Carvalho by Taschner, Mary A and Taschner, Stefan S for \$820,000 on 05/13/22

5 Tappan Way was sold to Briere, Emily and Craffey, Curtis by 5 Tappan Way RT and Craffey, Michael J for \$700,000 on 05/09/22

NORTH READING

63 Burroughs Rd was sold to Pathak, Asutosh by Travers, Kevin C and Travers, Christine R for \$470,000 on 05/11/22

2 Gloria Ln was sold to Hafner, William M and Hafner, Megan E by Ravesi, Jonathan and Ravesi, Julie for \$915,000 on 05/12/22

46 Niblick Way #46 was sold to Fee, Paul J and Fee, Diane by Fee, Janet R and Fee, Paul J for \$550,000 on 05/13/22

READING

62 Johnson Woods Dr #62 was sold to Lungo, Edward and Lungo, Susan by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for \$1,050,000 on 05/12/22

34 Puritan Rd was sold to Russo, Joelle and Bello, Terri by Caridad, Robert D and Caridad, Kathleen R for \$1,400,000 on 05/09/22

8 Scout Hill Ln was sold to Jette, Timothy N and Jette, Lisa by Leclerc, Todd and Leclerc, Whitney for \$995,000 on 05/10/22

247 Summer Ave was sold to Lofgren, Michael W and Townsend, Elizabeth C by Robert S Salter RET and Salter, Robert S for \$1,500,000 on 05/10/22

16 Washington St was sold to Elkaterji, Ahmad and Elterk, Taghrid by Pimrale, Satish S and Pimrale, Padmavati S for \$1,086,653 on 05/13/22

STONEHAM

159 Franklin St #B6 was sold to Pham, Birch N by White, Westley for \$376,000 on 05/12/22

35 Governor Rd was sold to Greensmith, Kenneth P and Greensmith, Jessica L by Stoneham Real Estate LLC for \$752,000 on 05/13/22

58 Lindenwood Rd was sold to Dicarlio, Gregory and Dicarlio, Daisy by Paglia, Robert for \$1,050,000 on 05/12/22

9 Sunrise Ave was sold to Cullen, Thomas by Cullen, Julie A for \$700,000 on 05/13/22

TEWKSBURY

66 Algonquin Dr was sold to Kelly, Kevin and Sarno, Natalie by Deangelis, Dawn M for \$575,000 on 05/13/22

110 Arkansas Rd was sold to Zhai, Xiaoli by 110 Arkansas Road RT and McCarthy, Sandra J for \$340,000 on 05/12/22

70 Bridge St was sold to Cardinale, Louis and Cardinale, Gabrielle by Pires, Filomena and Moniz, Benjamin for \$617,500 on 05/12/22

62 Brown St was sold to Donovan, Shawn M and Carr, Delaney R by Carr, Jill M for \$525,000 on 05/10/22

118 Catamount Rd was sold to John Paul Properties LLC by Elliott, Christine and Elliott, Dawn for \$350,000 on 05/13/22

181 Chapman Rd was sold to Abbott Jr, Daniel P and Abbott, Shana J by Zontini Jr, Arthur M for \$666,000 on 05/11/22

44 Donna Dr was sold to Devine, Gregory and Carnazzo, Deanna by Alger Jr, Richard E for \$605,000 on 05/12/22

39 Florence Ave was sold to Ciccone, Scott and Leclair, Kaitlyn by Lever, Timothy and Lever, Meghan for \$545,000 on 05/10/22

515 Foster Rd was sold to Lamichhane, Madanmani and Sharma, Janaki by Abbott Jr, Daniel P and Abbott, Shana J for \$550,000 on 05/10/22

20 International Pl was sold to 20 Intl Pl Tewksbury LLC by Tewksbury MA Hotel LLC for \$8,550,000 on 05/13/22

19 Kearsage St was sold to Geraci, Melissa A and Geraci, Michael by Cabral, Christina E for \$519,000 on 05/11/22

885 Main St #6 was sold to 885 Main Street LLC by Sergi Benevento RT and Benevento, Heather A for \$170,000 on 05/09/22

11 Merrimack Meadows Ln #11 was sold to Navarro, Paulina and Giampietro, Joshua by Edson, Susan M for \$400,000 on 05/10/22

111 Merrimack Meadows Ln #111 was sold to Liau, Gene and Smith, Adaline C by Torres, A Francesca for \$461,000 on 05/12/22

25 Redgate Rd was sold to Moraes, Rodolpho and Marcelo, Shaiane by Yakavonis, Ross and Yakavonis, Nicole for \$630,000 on 05/11/22

60 Terramor Dr was sold to Sanchez, Victor and Lentz, Harleigh by AMG Develop-

ment LLC for \$845,900 on 05/11/22

WAKEFIELD

16 Flanders Ln was sold to Herland, John K and Herland, Denise by Frank A Herland T and Herland Jr, Frank A for \$400,000 on 05/12/22

92 Gould St was sold to Sullivan, Thomas J and Sullivan, Maya L by Bowdring, Robert J and Bowdring, Ann M for \$812,500 on 05/12/22

8 Harding Rd was sold to Garofano, James V and Perkins Jr, James B by Schmidt, Nancy and Mackenzie, Linda for \$731,500 on 05/12/22

17 High St was sold to Volkenant, Brandon and Volkenant, Sarah by Johnston, Ruth A for \$700,000 on 05/11/22

33 Madison Ave was sold to Epstein, Rory T and Lynch, Timothy B by Donna A Adam 2016 IRT and Adam, Melinda L for \$525,000 on 05/13/22

2 Mitchell Ln was sold to Sembrano, Roderrick and Sembrano, Kimberley by Mohla, Thomas E and Mohla, Mary J for \$825,000 on 05/11/22

219 Oak St was sold to Tringale, Andrew and Martin, Elisabeth by Zannino Jr, John and Vaidya-Zannino, Nita for \$570,000 on 05/12/22

4 Pleasant St was sold to Paul, Eric by Tawadros, John for \$842,500 on 05/13/22

3 Swansea Rd was sold to McCabe, Patrick and McCabe, Molly by Cronin, Catherine G for \$743,000 on 05/12/22

24 Traverse St #2 was sold to Massouras, George and Cabral-Massouras, Monica by Packard, Jeffrey H and Packard, Debra L for \$515,000 on 05/09/22

50 Tuttle St #16 was sold to Jean-Baptiste, Stephanina by Taylor 4th, Japser G for \$260,000 on 05/10/22

58 Wave Ave was sold to Garrant, Cameron C and Garrant, Kimberly J by Frosch, Joanna for \$775,000 on 05/09/22

WILMINGTON

20 Beacon St was sold to Venuto, Charles by Beaulieu, Robert G and Beaulieu, Diane M for \$475,000 on 05/13/22

76 Butters Row was sold to Tammara, Patricia by E Ann Duggan T and Duggan, E Ann for \$742,000 on 05/11/22

33 Columbia St was sold to Chen, Shaoming and Chen, Gang by Boutwell, Jeffery L for \$420,000 on 05/13/22

Elizabeth Dr was sold to Tammara, Patricia by E Ann Duggan T and Duggan, E Ann for \$742,000 on 05/11/22

22 Hobson Ave was sold to Morales, Jonathan and Morales, Danielle A by Hagan James P Est and Croke, Lynne for \$525,000 on 05/13/22

18 Lawrence St was sold to Moreira, Rosa and Moreira, Alvaro by Eaton, Jonathan R and Smulligan, Sarah H for \$670,000 on

05/10/22

272 Lowell St was sold to Gkrekos, Triantafyllos by Towle, Richard J for \$515,000 on 05/13/22

154 Main St was sold to Badila, Rebeka and Raymond, Blake by Hastry, Robert and Hastry, Amanda for \$606,000 on 05/12/22

19 Palmer Way was sold to Walsh, Daniel and Walsh, Carli by Tammara, Patricia for \$905,000 on 05/10/22

7 Sprucewood Rd was sold to Ericson, Melissa and Ericson, Paul by Regan, Denise M for \$800,000 on 05/09/22

WINCHESTER

11 Atherton Rd was sold to Thomas G Filippone LT and Filippone, Thomas G by Nicole B Campbell FT and Campbell, Nicole B for \$2,450,000 on 05/12/22

5 Cambridge St was sold to Gianoukos, Vasileios J and Gianoukos, Stephanie by Bruno, Raffaele and Bruno, Silvana for \$3,825,000 on 05/13/22

350 Cambridge St was sold to TA Woburn LLC by Horn Pond Plaza LLC for \$52,884,000 on 05/10/22

5 Dawes Ave was sold to Werner, David S and Guicebaron, Gwenael by Brennan, Sheryl W and Brennan, Terence J for \$1875,000 on 05/09/22

49 Spruce St was sold to Bump, Paul A and Dowson, Dorothy C by Howell, Ian L and Pierce, Virginia for \$795,000 on 05/12/22

WOBURN

194 Cambridge Rd was sold to Store Master Funding 26 and 99 Remainder Iv LLC by Double 9 Property 4 LLC for \$3,477,470 on 05/13/22

350 Cambridge Rd was sold to TA Woburn LLC by Horn Pond Plaza LLC for \$52,884,000 on 05/10/22

24 Dewey Ave was sold to Lopez, Nelson J and Lopez, Patricia E by Gilchrist, James W for \$525,000 on 05/13/22

6 Duren Ave was sold to Infantine, Joshua R and Trochtenberg, Alyssa L by Eddy, Victoria M for \$1,100,000 on 05/12/22

69 Eastern Ave was sold to Burns, Steven J by Benson, Bernard for \$585,000 on 05/12/22

14 Innitou Rd was sold to Roopenian, Mark C and Roopenian, Kirsten D by Vardaro, Robert E and Mckeown, Molly E for \$825,000 on 05/09/22

74 Park St #2 was sold to Young, Rebecca A by Dorante, Ernst and Yao, Wensheng for \$730,000 on 05/09/22

353 Salem St was sold to Branco, Teofilo M and Desouza, Maria A by Lee, Marc J for \$610,000 on 05/12/22

29 Waltham St was sold to Malcolm 4th, William F by Malcolm, Donna M for \$560,000 on 05/13/22

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June events at Breakheart Reservation

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Stories in Stone Hike

Sunday, June 5, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Breakheart has been shaped not only by nature but by the many people who have called it home. Join our park interpreter to discover this history through the stone artifacts they left behind. This is a 2.5 mile, moderate hike along rocky trails, with several stops. Best for adults and older children with a keen interest in history. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Glacial Giants Hike

Sunday, June 12, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Countless clues to a glacial past dot the landscape. If one knows where to look, this hidden geologic history can be revealed. Join our park interpreter to better understand the natural processes that have shaped our world. This is a 1.8 mile moderate hike along rocky trails, with several stops. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Forest Bathing Walk

Sunday, June 26, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Registration Required — email brett.power@mass.gov

Come experience nature in new ways with the practice of forest bathing. This slow walk is designed to rest and restore the mind while strengthening our relationship to the natural world. Distance traveled will be under 1 mile and will be at a slower-than-usual-pace with many stops. Register for program location. Rain cancels.

Breakheart Birding Club

Tuesdays, 9:00am - 11:00am

Help our park interpreter identify and count the many different birds that visit Breakheart! Take part in this world wide project to document the distribution, abundance and movements of thousands of species. Binoculars encouraged but not necessary. First time birders welcome! Best for adults and older children. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Off the Beaten Path

Saturday, June 4, 10:00am-12:00pm

Join the Park Interpreter for this weekly hike! Each trip will highlight natural and historic features that make Breakheart unique. Hikes will range from 2-4 miles and travel

on uneven and rocky terrain. Best for ages 8 and up. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Family Fishing

Saturday, June 11, 25, 10:00am -11:30 am

Join our park interpreter for a drop-in fishing program! Learn how to fish, what fish live in our ponds, and how to catch and release responsibly. Bait and a handful of rods will be provided but feel free to bring your own gear and fish with us and share your tips! No license required if fishing in this program. Most appropriate for children 5 years and up. Meet at the left side of Pearce Lake Beach. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

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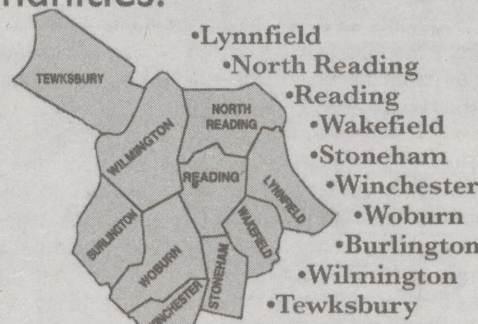
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Not the right time to change start times

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deeper on these variables over the coming six months and have an idea at the start of the budget cycle," he said.

Another area he wanted to see more consideration was on transportation and busses.

M. J. Byrnes agreed that they should review yet these areas of concern before voting on changes to school start times.

"It seems like the West and the Shawsheen carry the brunt of the change," she said. "I can't move forward on something that will be so detrimental to two schools."

She shared the superintendent's sentiments.

Stephen Turner asked what impact a little more budget for transportation could have, and what would be a budget increase

that could make even an incremental change to school start times. The transportation coordinator answered that it would be better to look at ridership as opposed to different sized buses to make the biggest impact.

Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson assured the committee that their work so far was not wasted even if they didn't make changes or find a better solution yet — and perhaps the work so far was too confined by budget and lack of ridership data.

She said that the areas of CARES and bus ridership would be two places to investigate through a sub-committee before they make these decisions. The transportation director noted that the busses should be relatively full according to their numbers, insinuating that there must

be students who register but don't ride the bus.

David Ragsdale said he was slightly disappointed with the results so far from the start time committee in that they hadn't found a good enough alternative to what's in place now.

"The options that we've been left with right now aren't very palatable," he said.

He went on to say that he hoped the community could be ready for out-of-the-box changes next year when they have enough information and support to make a change.

Melissa Plowman expressed a concern for stability for families.

"Is another significant change the right thing to do right now given the sacrifices and burdens that this places on others?" she asked. "If we're going to

ask that of some people, we'd have to be gaining some other goal."

One thing that she wished the school start times could do is allow more time for professional development across all schools, which is limited due to the current start times.

Jay Samaha provided perspective that the community hasn't been invested in start time changes as long as the committee has been working on this. He said he would support waiting a year rather than rushing into these changes. He proposed no decision be made until they investigate bus ridership and what change in school start times CARES can accommodate.

The committee voted not to change school start times.

Four students receive Albert Iamelli Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship

WILMINGTON — Michael Monteforte Jr., owner of Monteforte Law P.C., of Woburn, has once again awarded four scholarships to Wilmington High School seniors. The scholarship, called "The Albert Iamelli Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship" was granted to student athletes at Wilmington high school.

Attorney Monteforte created this scholarship in memory of his grandfather, Albert Iamelli, to honor his life and his legacy. Albert was a football referee and baseball umpire for high school sports all over New England. He was the head referee for football games and was very proud of that designation.

Albert was also president of both New England Football Officials and Baseball Officials. To hon-

or him, Monteforte Law, P.C. funds four scholarships, each year to a student-athlete. The winners of the scholarship are four dedicated student athletes who will be graduating from Wilmington High School this spring!

Congratulations to the following students:

- Rita Roche who will be attending Merrimack College

- William Doucette who will be attending Northeastern University

- Madison Mulas who will be attending Springfield College

- Joey Cornish who will be attending Fitchburg State University

"Here at Monteforte Law, P.C. we are so excited to see what the future holds for the four winners! Congratulations to those who won and thank you to those who applied!"

Communication, climate must improve

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houses at this juncture.

"Research points strongly to this structure for young adolescents," he said.

However, they might be willing to adjust the number of teachers on each

team according to needs and enrollment, should they look into that further. Quirk added they changed the current team structure so that students change houses every year.

Bryson recommended also asking students for

their opinions and inviting them to play a role in implementing the recommendations. Brand pointed to those recommendations that would bring students together including the advisory program.

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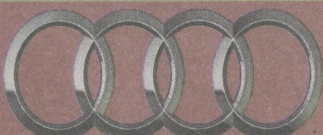
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